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Admin wants to be rid of La Fiesta

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» Senate panel to bring Bridge Capital, agencies on $400K 'liability'

For some 10 years now, the government has been paying $200,000 in annual lease for the former La Fiesta Mall in San Roque without generating any revenue from it. After failed attempts to offer the property to investors willing to develop the former mall, the Inos administration now wants to be get rid of this liability.

However, the administration and Bridge Capital LLC, which bought interest in the land in 2007, have yet to even discuss options for the idle property.

The Senate Fiscal Affairs Committee, meanwhile, will call in Bridge Capital and other agencies to discuss the property and the government's obligations.

"The government continues to incur liability. It's hard for the government because La Fiesta is not making any revenue. We asked Bridge to come up here and bring documents

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FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Escorted by Corrections Lt. Pius Pius Yaroitemal, Joseph A. Crisostomo walks past a bench where his former girlfriend Joanne Castro is sitting outside the courtroom of Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho yesterday. Castro testified for the government in the ongoing trial of Crisostomo for the kidnapping and murder of bartender Emerita Romero.

Romero's 911 call played in court

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» Castro says she is absolutely sure it's Crisostomo's voice in 911 call
» Crisostomo's daughter also testifies for the govt

The dramatic recording of the 911 call that murdered bartender Emerita "Emie" Romero made in the early morning hours of Feb. 5, 2012, was played twice yesterday in the ongoing jury trial in Superior Court of Joseph A. Crisostomo.

"Please help me!" screamed Romero as she cried and begged for her life.

Joanne Deleon Guerrero Castro also testified yesterday that she is absolutely sure it was her former common-law husband Crisostomo's voice in Romero's 911 call that investigators asked her to listen to on Feb. 17, 2012.

"It gives me goose bumps all over my body," said the 38-year-old Castro when interim chief prosecutor Brian Flaherty asked how she reacted upon listening to the 911 recording.

Romero

Flaherty and defense counsel Janet H. King both played the unenhanced 911 recording in court during their examination of police officer Sandy Hambros, who was in the Department of Public Safety's dispatcher room in Susupe when the call was made.

Hambros said he was in the dispatcher room as field supervisor on Feb. 5, 2012, at about 3am when they received an incoming 911 call about

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Deadline looms for Saipan casino applicant

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Monday's deadline draws near but as of yesterday, the government has yet to receive an application for an exclusive license to operate a casino on Saipan coupled with a $1 million nonrefundable application fee. Gov. Eloy S. Inos remains hopeful, though, and so does the casino bill's main author, House floor leader Ralph Demapan (Cov-Saipan).

"With Monday fast-approaching, I'm hoping potential investors won't overlook the date," Demapan told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

When asked whether he'd amend the law to extend the deadline if no one meets the April 21 deadline, Demapan said he hasn't considered his options yet.

But as with any other law, the casino law can be amended, he said.

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Local

JKPL honors SAES on National Bookmobile Day

The Joeten Kiyu Public Library celebrated National Bookmobile Day yesterday by going down to San Antonio Elementary School to honor one of their most active partners. SAES has been partnering with JKPL since 2011.

"Of the six Public School System schools we serve, they have been the most consistent, supportive, and enthusiastic about the 'Children of Our Homeland Bookmobile Service,'" said JKPL's technical services librarian Rosalyn Ajoste.

According to Ajoste, SAES is the highest-performing school in terms of statistics and number of books read, circulation numbers, and number of children availing of Bookmobile services.

"Circulation stats in 2014 are already almost triple the total amount of books circulated for the entire 2013 alone. SAES numbers are already at 1,200 books circulating and their number continues to climb," Ajoste said.

JKPL presented SAES with some sports equipment from Project CLAP that will be used to encourage health and fitness. The donations included a 5-gallon water jug, 10 large and 10 small hula hoops, a Hit n' Run T-ball set, nine pieces of gloves, four baseballs, two bats, three batter helmets, and one catcher helmet, one set of catcher's gear, one set of bases, and four large and two small basketballs.

"The entire school came out into the courtyard for a short 15-minute ceremony," Ajoste said.

Ajoste said that JKPL thanks the administration and school librarian, Della Jean Castro-Angel, for continuing to invite the Bookmobile time after time to provide the children of SAES with access to books, e-books, and AV2 books.

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Students of San Antonio Elementary School and Joeten Kiyu Public Library staff gather for a group photo in celebration of National Bookmobile Day on April 16.

"We would also like to recognize four key staff that work closely with the public schools: Xerxes Mangarero, Leoralyn Sablan, Erlinda Naputi, and Celina Foreman," she added.

In other news, 72 students, parents, and educators attended the Tinian Public Library's Read-A-Loud and Arts and Crafts Activity from kindergarten to 3rd grade.

Lori Cruz of TPL extends their appreciation to donors who made their opening program a success: the Tinian Mayor Office, Office of Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider, Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino, Bridge Investment Group, 14th Tinian Municipal Council, Sen. Frank Cruz (R-Tinian), Sen. Frank Borja (Ind-Tinian), and TPL staff Ann Marie Crisostomo and Melissa Sanchez. ***(Jayson Camacho)***

Staff, parents, students, and educators pose in front of Tinian Public Library after the Read-A-Loud and Arts & Crafts Activity.

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Preparations for Good Friday trek underway

Preparations for the Good Friday trek up Mt. Tapochau are well underway in celebration of Holy Week, when the island's Catholic faithful commemorate the crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

The walk to the highest point on Saipan will start off at 5:30am on Friday after the taking down of the cross at Mt. Carmel Cathedral in Susupe at 4:30am.

San Roque Parish Pastoral Council's chair Alex Camacho said that members of the San Roque Parish would carry the cross while Fr. Florentino Daynos will lead the walk up to Mt. Tapochau.

"There will be 13 [Stations of the Cross] along the road, and the 14th will be the cross that we will be carrying to the top," Camacho said.

He also noted that there would be a sunrise Mass on Easter Sunday at San Roque with Fr. Ryan Jimenez conducting the service.

UFO to serve free food

United Filipino Organization president Annamae Adaza said that they would be serving free food such as congee, eggs, biscuits, bread, fruits, and drinks to all hikers going up Mt. Tapochau.

"It's Lenten season again, which is time for reflections, recollections, reconciliations. Good Friday is one of the times of the year when UFO gives back to the community by giving away food," Adaza said.

She described it is a service to the CNMI community that they have been doing for several years.

Back in 1993, MDX Radio Club chair Peter Crisostomo started giving free food to hikers until other organizations joined in. The activity is now being spearheaded by UFO with the help of member organizations, companies, and individuals.

"We are hoping to have good weather so hikers can enjoy the walk and knowing that a lot of kids are joining as well. As a friendly reminder to all walkers and hikers, let's all dispose of our trash properly since every year that's the usual complaint and problem," Adaza said.

Road ready, but stay safe

Henry Hofschneider, Saipan Mayor Donald Flores' special adviser, said the road going up Mt. Tapochau is ready after a week and a half of clearing and preparing the roadway.

Hofschneider, however, advises the public to be safe on the walk to the top.

"We did the best we can due to the limited heavy equipment. When the public walks up, they have to be careful when they are going back down. It is coral and some of it is slippery," Hofschneider said.

Hofschneider also advises the public of debris beneath some power lines at Mt. Tapochau, which was done by the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.

"Even with limited equipment, the mayor is trying too coordinate with CUC for the cleaning of the roadways," he said.

"I also want to inform the public to enjoy their Friday and if there is trash please dispose of it properly," he added. ***(Jayson Camacho)***

New school year opening on Sept. 2

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The Board of Education has approved a new school year calendar for the Public School System that sets the opening of regular classes on Sept. 2.

The beginning of the school year 2014-2015 covers the kindergarten program, Head Start program, as well as elementary and secondary schools.

It is expected that the school system will accommodate about the same enrollment of more than 10,000 on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota in the new school year.

Also in September, three middle schools will be created: Tanapag Middle School, San Antonio Middle School, and Dandan Middle School. The board approved last year the "Middle School Concept" endorsed by Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan.

These middle schools will begin accommodating sixth to eight grades while their former primary grade students will be accommodated in cluster schools that include Koblerville, San Vicente, and Gregorio T. Camacho elementary schools.

According to Sablan, PSS has already identified all the staffing needs for these new middle schools, including administrators who will run them.

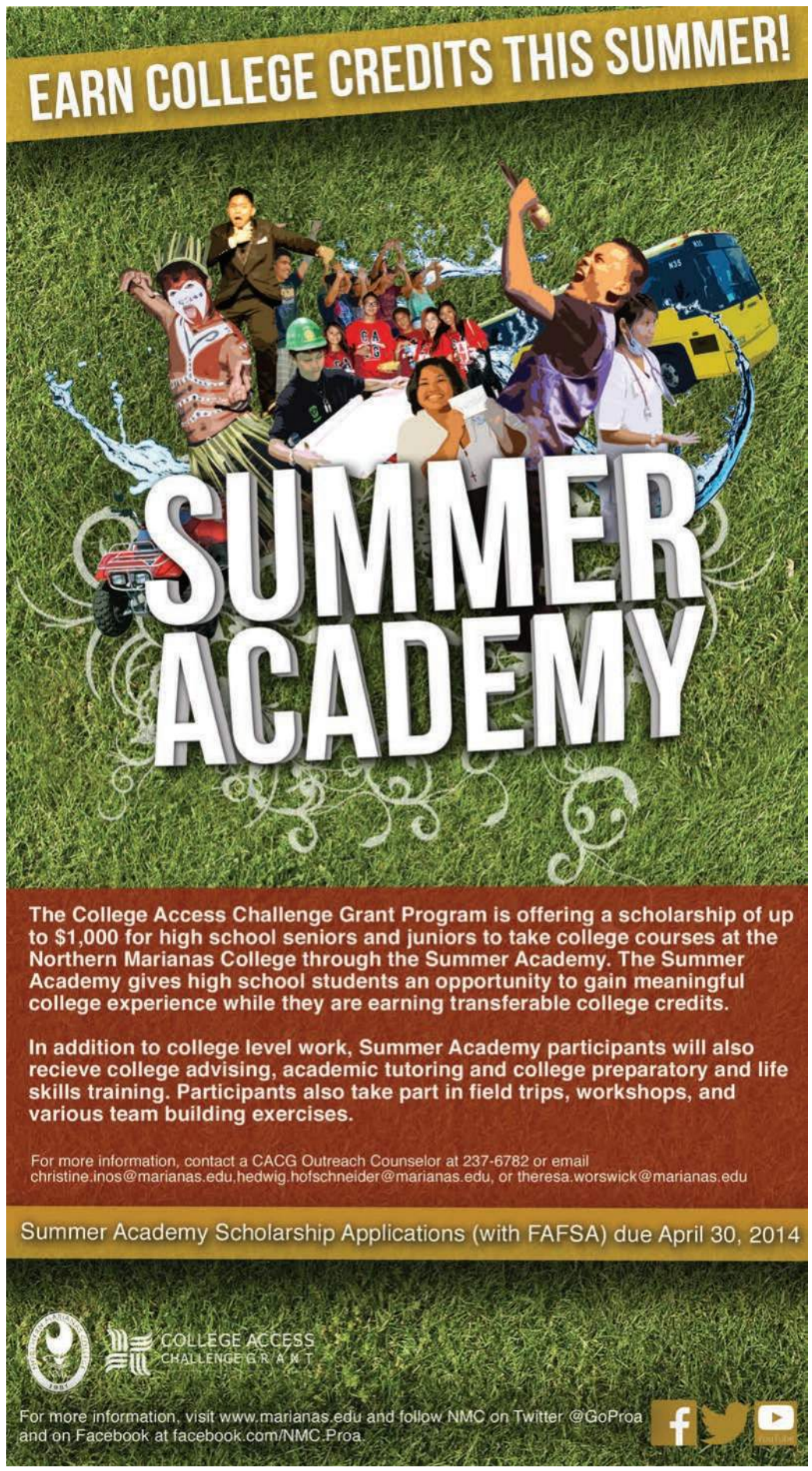
In fact, she said, the system just recently completed the statewide professional development for all employees while other necessary workshops and trainings for middle schools are being conducted.

Other preparations for the middle schools' transformation, such as the construction of a campus fence for GTC, are also in the works, including the transfer of collateral equipment and furniture.

"All this transition will happen during the summer. But basically, we have already identified the staffing pattern for all these schools including administrators," said Sablan.

In terms of enrollment, Sablan said schools are currently conducting early registration to determine the volume of students for the new school year.

The Parents Teachers Advisory Council has also been consulted on the middle school plan, she said.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related to whatever agreement they had with the government and go from there," committee chair Sen. Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota) told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

Bridge Capital, through its lawyer, Michael Ernest, asked the government—through the House and Senate—to pay its overdue lease of $200,000 for fiscal year 2013. Another $200,000 lease payment is due by Sept. 30 this year.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos' proposed fiscal year 2015 budget of $134 million also does not include a $200,000 lease payment for La Fiesta.

Besides possible return to Bridge Capital, the governor is also looking at "just assign the contract" to an investor interested in developing La Fiesta.

"We hold a lease on the property. It should be easy enough for us to just assign our interest to the new developer, whoever that is. …That's what's on the table. We're not going to ask for money or more money. We will assign our interest and let them continue to pay the annual [lease]," the governor said.

When asked which companies are interested in the property, Inos said that most of them are architectural firms, "but they haven't gotten back" yet.

"We like to get rid of it. No, seriously," Inos added.

The other option is to return the property to Bridge Capital.

"Unless I'm mistaken, in this case, Bridge…could basically just declare default and take the property back. Why do we have to negotiate for that?" he said, adding, however, that he's willing to negotiate when it comes down to it.

The governor said there's never been any discussion with Bridge Capital about "how to manage the property, how to dispose of it." Inos said he does not know either whether Bridge Capital has plans to renovate the facility.

"About two years ago, one of the reasons why we supported the video lottery terminal was to allow for it to be operated at La Fiesta, so we're going to use video lottery as basis for the place to be renovated. But even that didn't [materialize]," he said.

The Senate Fiscal Affairs Committee originally scheduled a meeting with Bridge Capital and other government agencies last Tuesday but because many of the committee members had prior commitments, the meeting has been rescheduled for next week at the earliest.

Taimanao said that after the meeting, the committee will make recommendations relating to the government's obligations and what the government can do to stop incurring liabilities.

"We would like to find out whether the government can just return the property because it's not generating any revenue anyway. But before we make a decision, we would like to meet with all the parties involved," the senator said.

A longer version of this story is available at www. saipantribune.com

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"If no one turns in an application by deadline, at least we tried. And we will try again. We can't just sit and wait for things to happen. We've got to do something to make sure government services are provided. We have to find ways to generate revenue for these services to be provided," Demapan added.

Under Public Law 18-43, which amended the original Saipan casino law, "in the event that a license is not issued within 90 days after this Act becomes law, the commission shall establish new application procedures."

This refers to the Lottery Commission, the members of which are the Department of Public Safety commissioner, the Department of Finance secretary, the attorney general, and the Department of Commerce secretary.

The governor told reporters that he was anticipating a wire transfer as early as Tuesday, after an entity inquired about the bank account for the purpose.

Press secretary Angel Demapan, meanwhile, confirmed that as of yesterday afternoon, the government has not received any application for the casino license although applications were picked up.

"…the application is rather complex and requires intricate details. It does take time to complete, so the administration is hopeful that interested parties will be able to submit it before the expiration of the deadline," the press secretary added.

Any interested investor that turns in an application by April 21 would be in the running for securing an exclusive license to operate a casino on Saipan. It also has to pay a $30-million license fee by May 5, representing the license fee for the first and fifth year.

The governor said once the $30 million is paid, retirees will be able to receive their deferred 25 percent pension.

The exclusive casino license holder is required to develop a casino hotel-resort with at least 2,000 rooms and with an initial investment of $2 billion.

ROMERO

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someone in need of help.

He said night shift dispatcher Loni Perry asked him to monitor the emergency call and then transferred the line to him. Hambros said when he picked up the phone he overheard the voice of a woman and a man.

Flaherty then played in court the unenhanced recording of the 911 call.

In the recording, Romero is crying, repeatedly begging someone to release her, and asking for help. She also mentioned her location as Marianas Resort. A man's voice can be heard talking to Romero in a low and calm manner.

Romero at one point screamed "Please help me!"

Hambros' voice can also be heard in the recording, saying, "Hello, hello" and asking for Romero's location. He also stated "Marianas Resort," repeating what the victim mentioned.

Crisostomo appeared emotionless when the recording was played. The eight jurors looked attentive as they listened to the recording.

When the recording was done after two minutes, Flaherty resumed his direct examination of Hambros.

Hambros said that after receiving the call, he immediately sent patrol officers to the northern part of the island. He said he and police officer Jess Wabol also went to the Marpi area aboard one patrol car and dispatched two other police officers to the area.

Hambros said he and Wabol first checked Mariana Resort, then the Kan Pacific swimming pool, Wing Beach, Last Command Post, and other areas in Marpi.

He said by the Cow Town area they saw another vehicle behind them so they pulled over to the side to let the vehicle pass them. The vehicle, however, stopped, made a U-turn, and changed direction. He said they followed the vehicle but lost sight of it.

He said one officer was in the area of the former La Fiesta Mall, waiting to block any incoming southbound vehicles.

When they didn't find anything, Hambros said they went back to DPS Susupe, where they passed the information to the incoming shift about what happened.

Hambros said he then went home, the following day he took a leave, and when he reported back to DPS he learned that the body of the 911 caller had been found at the former La Fiesta Mall.

"I feel disturbed," said the officer when asked how he felt after learning that Romero had been found dead.

On cross-examination, King stated that she would play again the 911 call that lasted two minutes and a half. The second play of the recording appeared to be clearer to listeners as King stopped the recording a couple of times and announced the time lapse, then asked Hambros about the three voices that could be heard.

One minute into the recording, King said the female caller could be heard saying, among other things, that she was putting on her pants. King then asked Hambros where was he at that time. He replied that he was trying to get more information from the caller.

Hambros said he stated Marianas Resort in the recording to ask himself about the caller mentioning the area.

Testifying for the CNMI government, Joanne Castro said she was disgusted and had goose bumps when she listened to the recording because she could hear the victim screaming and Crisostomo's voice in it.

"She was screaming, begging for her life, begging [him] not to hurt her. But he was relaxed," Castro said.

Castro said that's how Crisostomo was when he was beating her when they were still living together. "He doesn't care if he's hurting me!" she said.

Castro said she tried to cover her ears after she heard the recording because she doesn't like to hear it again, but the investigators played it again.

Castro said Crisostomo was telling Romero in the recording that he's sorry and asked her to keep still.

Castro recalled that Federal Bureau of Investigation special agent Joseph Auther asked her about a certain word in the male voice. She said she tried to correct Auther that what Crisostomo was saying was that he's sorry.

Castro said that Crisostomo is her former boyfriend and the father of her three children. They lived together for 16 to 17 years. She said their relationship started in March 1991 and ended in December 2006.

When asked about their relationship, Castro said there were good times, but there was also a lot of abuse, both mental and physical.

Castro said that Crisostomo used to have a driver's license but it expired when he was in prison. Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho later instructed the jury to disregard this statement.

Castro said she saw in the news about a recovered body at the La Fiesta Mall so she called police detective Elias Q. Saralu and informed him about a rental car that Crisostomo had driven.

Castro said it was a Saturday night, Feb. 4, 2012, when Crisostomo came near her current boyfriend's mother's house in San Antonio aboard a rental car that fits the description that she saw in the news. She said Crisostomo was there between 8pm and 9pm.

She said when she saw the car stop, she got out of the garage and saw her 15-year-old daughter talking with someone in the vehicle. When the car left, Castro asked her daughter who was she talking to. Castro said her daughter stated that it was her father Crisostomo, who was with his sister, Annie, and Annie's boyfriend, Cheyenne Sablan.

Castro described the car as having a dark color or greenish and either a Toyota Corolla or Toyota Yaris and that it was tinted.

Castro said she knew it was a rental car because she knew Crisostomo and Annie don't have a car and that Annie later told her they rented it.

Castro said she called detective Saralu because the car fits the descriptions given by DPS in the media about the suspect's vehicle. She said she talked with Saralu because he is her nephew and that she's comfortable with him and worked with him before as a confidential informant.

Castro said she told Saralu about the car that was described in the news and the vehicle that she saw being used by Crisostomo, Annie Crisostomo, and Sablan. Castro said she urged Saralu to check car rental companies.

She recalled that on Feb. 17, 2012, she was in a store when Saralu came and asked her to go to the DPS Criminal Investigation Bureau office on Capital Hill. Castro said she and her boyfriend later proceeded to CIB where they met Saralu and other police officers.

Castro said she was taken to a room with Saralu and police detective Simon Manacop. FBI special agent Auther later arrived and talked to her. Castro said they then asked her to listen to the 911 recording.

Castro said at that time, Feb. 17, she didn't know about a reward for giving information to DPS about Romero's murder. She admitted that she later asked if she could get the Crime Stoppers Program's reward. She was informed, though, that she's not qualified for the reward because her identify is known.

Castro said that because of the incident, she is now very afraid of going out at night. She said she's afraid that someone would try to prevent her from testifying in court.

When asked by Flaherty how sure she is that it's Crisostomo's voice in the 911 call and how would she rate her sureness on a scale 1 to 10, with 10 being the highest, she replied: "10. I'm absolutely sure that's Crisostomo."

King extensively grilled Castro about the latter calling businesses and former chief prosecutor Shelli Neal about the cash reward, amounting to $22,500, for providing information about the crime.

Castro admitted to calling Godfather's Bar and also speaking to Neal about the reward money but added, "I'm just here to tell the truth on what I knew. I don't care about the reward money."

Castro denied she was only after the reward. "I don't care about the reward. I'm doing this because someone got killed!" said Castro, who appeared agitated at King's line of questioning.

Before Castro's testimony, Castro's 15-year-old daughter with Crisostomo also took the witness stand for the government. She said she does not see her father often.

She said it was in the evening of Feb. 4, 2012, when she saw her father aboard a car at her grandmother's house in San Antonio. She described the car as a Toyota Corolla being driven by her dad. In the front passenger side was Cheyenne Sablan and in the back was her aunt, Annie.

The daughter said her aunt asked her to come inside the car and handed her $20. She said her father only said "hi" to her.

The daughter said that when they left, her mother asked her who was in the car so she told her it was her father Crisostomo, Annie, and Sablan.

The daughter said she does not remember the last time she saw her father before that night.

DPS dispatcher Loni Perry also testified, saying she was on duty when a female called 911 on the early morning of Feb. 5, 2012. Perry said the woman was distraught and crying. Perry said the woman was not talking to her and instead was asking a male person to let her go. Perry said the woman was begging to be let go. Perry overheard the woman stating that her neck had been hurt.

The dispatcher said the male voice told the woman: "It's okay, it's okay. I'll take you home."

Perry said the male voice asked for the woman's name, and she replied, "Emie."

Perry said she later connected the phone line to Hambros, as he was the supervisor and that she thought it was a missing person case.

Perry said she was scared.

Perry said the male voice was local and the female voice was Filipina.

Hambros' phone was connected to a recording system. The 911 recording that was played in court was only the portion when Hambros picked up the phone. Perry said that Hambros listened for a while then sent police officers to the Mariana Resort area.

Perry said she dialed the woman's cellphone number, 989-4425, several times but that it went straight to a voice mail.

She agreed with King on cross-examination that the woman in the 911 call made at 3:02am was crying and screaming for help. Perry said she was not sure how long she had the phone before transferring it to Hambros.

King said the total time the call was made was 4 minutes and the recorded call was 2 minutes and a half, leaving Perry with 1 minute and 30 seconds.

Perry said she listened to the call and tried to talk to the woman, but it appeared that she could not hear her.

The trial will continue today, Thursday, at 8:30am.

CHC pays $3M MPLT loan; extension of line of credit OK'd

'Negotiable' starting salary for hospital CFO approved

- 10 off-island candidates to be interviewed April 22-24
- Lack of full-time hospital finance chief concerns MPLT

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. may soon name a permanent chief financial officer after it disclosed yesterday that some 10 individuals are scheduled to be interviewed next week. All 10 are recruits from outside the CNMI.

Interim corporation CEO Esther Muña told the board yesterday that the qualified contenders were chosen by a selection committee from an original pool of 32 applicants who responded to the job vacancy announcement in December.

Muña said the corporation will offer whoever is selected a starting salary of $80,000 that will be negotiable. She said this amount was both approved by the corporation board and Executive Branch.

In response to the board's queries yesterday, Muña said that all local applicants did not meet the position's requirements as mandated by Public Law 16-51. The position requires an applicant to have at least a master's degree in business administration and five years of experience in healthcare finances.

For next week's scheduled interview, candidates were given a packet of documents such as the HealthTech Report and the hospital's annual report to give candidates an overview of the corporation.

During a board meeting in March, Muña endorsed the hiring of a retiree from Hawaii to become the hospital CFO. She then described this person as the "perfect candidate" because of the individual's strong background in managing the finances of many healthcare systems in Hawaii. *Saipan Tribune* learned yesterday that this plan didn't push through.

Meantime, board member Anthony Raho emphasized the need to immediately fill the CFO position as it is an ongoing concern for the Marianas Public Land Trust, where the corporation has a line of credit.

As in previous board meetings, interim CFO Cora Ada was criticized anew by some board members who were dissatisfied with her financial reports.

Particularly dismayed were board chair Torres, vice chair Pete Dela Cruz, and board member Roy Rios, who were one in saying that Ada's data were "confusing."

Ada explained that CHCC—compared to other agencies—uses a different financial system that oftentimes confuses the board.

Board trustee Philip Mendiola-Long expressed concern about the $80,000 starting salary for the CFO. Mendiola-Long said he is amenable to providing up to $120,000 to $150,000 for the CFO, provided the person possesses the "institutional knowledge" that would help turn around the corporation's finances.

Mendiola-Long recommended that the $80,000 salary offer be changed to "open" so as not to turn off potential candidates. Interim CEO Muña agreed to this proposal.

It's been almost two years since the CFO position was vacated. CHCC lost its CFO in 2012 when Alvaro Santos' employment term expired. Ada has since then been serving in an acting capacity. ***(Moneth G. Deposa)***

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The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. has been given another year to access its line of credit with the Marianas Public Land Trust, according to board chair Joaquin Torres yesterday.

Torres said the MPLT decision to approve the extension request came days after the corporation paid in full the outstanding $3 million principal it borrowed last year. The payment on the principal loan, plus the remaining monthly interest on the line of credit, was made Friday.

MPLT board chair Martin B. Ada notified the corporation of MPLT's decision on April 14, setting a one-year extension of CHCC's line of credit from April 14, 2014, through April 13, 2015, with conditions. The loan is assigned 7 percent per annum interest.

The new loan, however, is contingent on a number of conditions that include, among others, assurance that the corporation is committed to hiring a permanent chief financial officer.

Every drawdown request from CHCC must also be made in formal request and with justifications signed by the CEO. The intended purpose and use of the drawdown must be disclosed and requires a 10-day notice for any drawdown request.

Ada made it clear that every drawdown request is subject to the MPLT board's approval and it has the right to deny or reject any drawdown request.

Part of the conditions is that "the first drawdown request shall be used to the specific and directed purpose of hiring a CFO and the implementation of a financial management system."

CHCC shall also submit quarterly financial statements within 30 days of the end of each quarter. Projections of income and expenses for the remainder of the fiscal year is also required.

CHCC is also being required to submit audited financial statements—both draft and final—as they are received by CHCC, including any management letters and compliance findings.

Any CMS reports or findings shall also be provided to MPLT within 30 days of receipt by CHCC.

During yesterday's board meeting, the newly approved line of credit was tackled in an executive session following revelation that there are some concerns pertaining to the Navy Hill property earlier assigned to CHCC and used as collateral in the original MPLT loan. This property has since been reclaimed by the Inos administration.

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Inos extends anew CUC emergency

Gov. Eloy S. Inos extended anew on Tuesday the emergency declaration for the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. still because of a lack of technical U.S. workers and financial "crisis," including the Public School System and the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.'s non-payment of some $20 million in utilities services.

This, even as the CUC now has a fully functioning board of directors nine years since the last one was abolished.

The governor's April 15 executive order extending the CUC emergency declaration is in effect for 30 days. But as with previous administrations, the CUC emergency declaration has always been extended every month.

Prior to the latest emergency declaration extension, Inos amended a previous executive order to officially acknowledge a "fully functioning" board "to direct the operations of CUC."

Inos said CUC is still owed about $20 million by PSS and CHC, and is owed millions more by residential owners.

The governor added that, although the economy has recently improved, the improvement is only marginal and the economy and the government's finances are still fragile. He added that CUC often only has days' worth of purchased diesel fuel to power its system because it lacks the funds to buy oil.

CUC also still lacks U.S. citizens or U.S. resident technical specialists at CUC to perform the power generation work, particularly specialists with experience in the type of engines that CUC uses, among other things.

The governor said CUC's renewal of contracts and hiring of foreign expert workers is necessary to sustain the integrity of CUC's systems. ***(Haidee V. Eugenio)***

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Group criticizes new casino law

Marianas Economic Research and Development Foundation executive director Russell Schow believes the new casino law's tax rate is the lowest of any casino operation in the world, is an invitation to organized crime, and has to be "killed."

Speaking before the Rotary Club of Saipan on Tuesday at Hyatt Regency Saipan, Schow said the information he used to deduce his conclusion were all based on contacts from gaming commissions and boards in Nevada, a regulatory authority and a minister of finance in Singapore, and an attorney in the United States.

According to Schow, the new casino law that had been rushed and is "effectively the lowest by far of any tax rate of any casino operation in the world and any industrialized and developed nation."

"There is no place that compares to this," Schow said.

According to him, Macau gets 40 percent of gross revenues, while the U.S. is a little bit under 30 percent of gross revenues.

"But here [on Saipan] it's going to be 17-and-a-half percent of the profit," Schow said. "That's unheard of. That makes this quite literally the biggest invitation to organized crime. This is the cheapest place now to launder money. The FBI is going to be very concerned about this."

According to Schow one of the things the FBI has been finding out in Macau is that some of the money being laundered goes to terrorist groups.

"I think this is a very bad deal for the community," Schow said. "The CNMI has to start increasing the police force or there would be more crime."

Schow also noted that Singapore includes in its requests for proposal the building of an infrastructure. Manila in the Philippines, he said, put out a full request for concepts in integrated resort operations but they soon realized the airport was not "really big enough and the road system would not be able to handle [the added traffic]."

"None of that is being included in this [casino law]," Schow said.

He said the group he represents wants to try and kill the bill.

"We do have some concerns about these people coming in and dropping in their $1 million and $30 million and then having to pay it back. We have to find some way to actually kill this," Schow said.

He said the casino investor will pay the $30 million in one year, but wouldn't the following year.

"The CNMI will then need to start building the infrastructure. If they build this operation, the waste pipes and sewage, they're all too small and they will need to be replaced. Who's going to do that? Is that supposed to be from CNMI taxpayers? Who's going to build the road systems? How are they going to upgrade the airport? Who's paying for that? Because 'this' investor is not agreeing to it," Schow said.

According to him, one of the promised benefits of the casino law is to help out with the Retirement Fund but "they will this year and it will be just be before the election."

"That's a political ploy, and that type of ploy doesn't just happen here, it happens everywhere," Schow said.

"All the issues have to be addressed, that's the problem we have with this bill, and none of them are being addressed except for promises. No place would allow this on a 'promise' unless you can trust the businesses that come out," he added. ***(Jayson Camacho)***

DUE TO INSUFFICIENT REPORTING:

CMS orders CHC to resubmit 'response'

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REPORTER

The U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has ordered the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. to resubmit the "response" it earlier turned in to the federal agency due to what it described as incomplete reporting.

CMS put off its decision on the hospital's Condition of Participation to June 27 this year after finding out that there remains a number of concerns and deficiencies that have not been fully addressed by the corporation. A response, which was required for submission following that determination, was turned in to the federal agency last Feb. 7.

Muña

Interim corporation CEO Esther Muña told the board yesterday that CMS has asked for the resubmission of the "response" documents because the plan, according to the federal agency, had a number of "unclear" items.

As a procedure, once a response or corrective action plan is turned in to CMS, the federal agency issues a notification whether it accepts or rejects the plan.

According to Muña, CMS didn't say if it accepts or rejects the corporation's submission; the federal agency just simply asked CHCC to resubmit the plan.

"They didn't accept it, but they didn't reject it," Muña told the board.

She said the new deadline for the "response plan" is April 25. She pointed out, though, that the deadline is only for the report and the June 27 timeline for a final decision remains intact.

CMS' letter in January indicated that it requires "credible written evidence" documenting and demonstrating the correction of each deficiency identified by the agency. Of the 13 original areas of deficiency identified by CMS in a 2012 survey, there remain nine areas that are marked not rectified.

In response to the board's questions yesterday, Muña said it was the corporation that initiated the conversation with CMS as it followed up on the status of the Feb. 7 submission. "We called them up and basically asked CMS if we can revisit the document [we submitted]; that's why there was a conversation with them," she said.

It was disclosed that CMS seemed unsatisfied with the report because not all required elements were in the document. Muna pointed out that the resubmission aims to clarify unclear areas by providing more descriptions, rather than just a summary.

"The plan is not clear to CMS and they want clarification," she said, adding that the new report is almost done and would be timely submitted to the agency.

One specific area that reportedly concerns CMS is the status of the HVAC project, which remains unaccomplished to date and the report indicated no realistic deadline to complete it.

The HVAC project—which also includes the fire pump, elevator, and sprinkler system for CHC—is funded by federal funds and directly administered by the Office of the Governor's. It was learned that the project was delayed due to an award protest and CHCC does not expect the project to be done by June. HVAC stands for heat, ventilation, and air-conditioning system.

Both Muña and interim CFO Cora Ada also disclosed that "hiring of personnel and facility upgrades for safety code" were among the deficiencies that have yet to be fully satisfied due to funding constraints.

When asked how much is needed to solve all CMS citations, both officials could immediately come up with a figure and promised to provide the board the information at a later time.

Customs seizes 40 fake Burberry, Coach wallets

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REPORTER

Customs Services Division personnel confiscated some 40 pieces of counterfeit Burberry, Coach, and Lacoste women's wallets and purses on Wednesday, Customs director Joe Mafnas said yesterday. The importer was fined $500, which was immediately paid.

"If they're sold as genuine products, the price would reach $14,100," Mafnas told *Saipan Tribune*.

Most of the seized fake brand items were Burberry women's wallets, he said.

The counterfeit items were discovered in boxes that were simply declared "bags." When Customs checked, they were able to find 40 women's wallets and purses bearing the international luxury brand names Burberry, Coach, and Lacoste that, according to Mafnas, were easily determined as counterfeit.

"The importer cooperated with Customs and she admitted they were bought from Divisoria in the Philippines. We confiscated the items for destruction and we fined the importer $500 because it was the first incident involving her and she cooperated with us. But if she does it again, the fines will be higher and she could be charged," Mafnas added.

The Customs director said the items were meant for a store Garapan, but the importer also sells at a Saturday flea market.

"This should serve as a warning to other importers. If we catch you bringing in contrabands, you will be fined or charged or both, to protect the CNMI. We do not want tourists and residents buying these counterfeit products that will hurt the CNMI's reputation," he added.

Rep. John Paul Sablan (Cov-Saipan), who worked for 14 years at the Customs Services Division before becoming a lawmaker, commended Customs for its vigilance and enforcement of the law.

"Intellectual property rights protection is a worldwide issue, including in the CNMI. We want luxury items that are being sold here to be genuine, not counterfeit," said Sablan, who was among those from the CNMI that were sent to Hawaii to attend an intellectual property rights conference and training when he was still with Customs.

The confiscation of the counterfeit women's wallets comes some three months after Customs also seized 40 cartons of smuggled cigarettes hidden in two boxes mixed with some 400 boxes of various merchandise in a 20-foot container from China. The container and the smuggled cigarettes were consigned to a Lower Base wholesaler. The seized cigarettes have since been destroyed.

PH Consulate to hold outreach on Tinian, Saipan

The Philippine Consulate General in Agana, Guam, in cooperation with the United Filipinos Association on Tinian, will conduct mobile consular services on Tinian, from May 9 to 10, 2014, at the Tinian Room of the Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino.

The consulate will also conduct similar mobile consular services on Saipan, this time with the help of the United Filipino Organizations, from May 12 to 15, 2014, at the Daidai Social Hall of the Mount Carmel Cathedral.

All interested to avail of consular services are advised to prepare the following requirements:

A. FOR PASSPORT APPLICATIONS

■ **Requirements for renewal of green Philippine passport:**

1. Accomplished ePassport Application form
2. Photocopy of data page of passport
3. Original passport
4. Payment of ePassport Fee ($60)

■ **Requirements for renewal of brown/maroon Philippine passport**

1. Accomplished ePassport Application form
2. Photocopy of data page of passport
3. Photocopy of birth certificate
4. Original passport
5. Payment of ePassport Fee ($60)

In order to facilitate express processing of ePassport applications during the mobile consular service, passport applicants are requested to send clear scanned copies (PDF format only) of these requirements (i.e., items 1 and 2 for green passport holders and items 1, 2, and 3 for holders of brown/maroon passports) to saipan.pcgagana@gmail.com until Friday, May 2, 2014. Applicants are advised to ensure that all items in the application form are answered fully and completely and that contact numbers are provided therein, as they will be informed of their schedule for biometrics capturing. Due to technical capacity of our equipment, we will only accept the first 480 completed applications for the "pre-encoded applicants."

It is important that applicants should submit completely the required documents as the consulate general will check thoroughly all received scanned applications before an "acknowledgment receipt" can be made. Acknowledgement of receipt of application will be sent once the application is encoded in the consulate's ePassport system, which is done only after office hours. To give time for the preparation of the pre-processed applications, follow up over the phone or email inquiry as to the receipt of the applications will not be entertained.

For proper management, it is requested that applicants should not resend several times their respective applications and should send only one application per email transmission with the applicant's name in the subject field. If you did not receive an acknowledgement from the said email address, it will not be included on the list. Applicants are requested to wait for their respective acknowledgment receipt and check the list of pre-processed applications and their corresponding date/time slot for consular services, which will be posted in the consulate's website, philippinesguam.org, and Facebook account on or before May 7, 2014.

To avoid delays in the processing of applications, applicants are advised not to fold copies of the requirements. Please be informed, however, that priority will be given to senior citizens (65 years old and above) and persons with disabilities.

■ **Requirements for lost Philippine passport**

1. Accomplished ePassport Application form
2. Photocopy of data page of passport (if available)
3. Photocopy of birth certificate
4. Police Report
5. Notarized Affidavit of Loss ($25)
6. Original passport
7. Payment of Lost Passport Fee: $90 (green/maroon) or $150 (ePassport)

B. FOR CIVIL REGISTRY AND NOTARIAL SERVICES

All applications for civil registry and notarial services will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Applicants are advised to prepare the originals and copies of the required documents as indicated below:

■ Report of Birth ($25)

1. Original Birth Certificate + five copies
2. If applicable, Original Marriage Certificate of Parents + five copies
3. Valid Passport of Parents + five copies; If Passport is expired, valid government issued ID + five copies
4. U.S. Naturalization Certificate of Parent + five copies, if parent is already a U.S. Citizen at the time of application
5. Affidavit of Delayed Registration of Birth ($25), if filed more than one month from birth of child
6. For Illegitimate children using surname of father, Affidavit to Use Surname of Father ($25)
7. Duly accomplished ROB Form, signed in front of consular officer

■ Report of Marriage ($25)

1. Original Marriage Certificate + five copies
2. Original Birth Certificate of Filipino spouse + five copies
3. Valid Passports of both parties + five copies each; if passport is expired, valid government issued ID + five copies
4. 2x2 photo (white background) of each of the spouses
5. For parties with previous marriage/s:

a. For U.S. citizens, Final Decree of Divorce + five copies

b. For Filipino citizens, Annotated Marriage Certificate from NSO showing details of annulment + five copies or judgment of Philippine court recognizing final decree of divorce issued by a foreign court

c. For widows/widower, death certificate of deceased spouse

6. Affidavit of Delayed Registration of Marriage ($25), if filed more than one month from celebration of marriage
7. For those whose spouses are non-Filipinos, duly accomplished CFO form
8. Duly accomplished ROM Form signed in front of consular officer

■ Report of Death ($25)

1. Original Death Certificate + copies
2. Duly accomplished ROD Form

■ Acknowledgements (SPA, General Power of Attorney, Contracts), Jurat (Affidavits)

1. Valid Passport or government issued ID (i.e., driver's license) of signatory + copy
2. Must sign document in front of consular officer
3. Payment of fee: $25

■ For NBI Clearance Application ($25)

1. Completely accomplished NBI Form (to be provided by the Philippine Consulate Team). Said form must be brought to the local Police Station for fingerprinting. Applicants must ensure that the police officer taking the fingerprints must sign in the "Impressions Taken By" field.
2. One 2x2 photo (to be pasted on the form)
3. Original Valid Passport and two (2) copies (Data and Signature Page of the passport)

■ Authentication/Verification of Employment Contracts

1. Job Order

Attachments: USCIS Approval, Company License, Passport of Signatory (Employer)

2. Special Power of Attorney

Attachments: Company License, Passport of Signatory (Employer)

3. Recruitment Agreement

Attachments: Company License, Passport of Signatory (Employer)

4. Individual or Group Employment Contract

Attachments: Company License, Passport of Signatory (Employer)

Following are the applicable fees for these services:

Document	Authentication Fee	+ DOLE Verification Fee
Job Order	$25	$10
SPA	$25	$10
Recruitment Agreement	$25	$30
Individual Contract	$25	$10
Group Contract	$25	$30

Note that all applicants for the above services will be required to photocopy the signed documents after processing.

For questions or clarifications regarding the mobile consular outreach, call the Consulate General at our toll free number (670) 682-2222. ***(PR)***

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TEEN BEAUTIES STELLAR MARIANAS

Miss Teen Marianas 2014 candidates pose with Glushko's Academy's visiting ballet artists Olga Malinovskaya and Artjom Maksakov after watching the "International Ballet of the Stars 2014" at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center last April 5. The winner of the Miss Teen Marianas will represent the islands in the Miss Teen International.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Notice to Saipan Marathon runners

All runners in the Saipan Marathon are reminded to pick up their race packet information and bibs on Friday, April 18, from 4pm to 6pm at the American Memorial Park amphitheater. Registration will not be accepted. ***(PR)***

JKPL sets book sale, rummage sale on Saturday

The Joeten-Kiyu Public Library will hold a Book Sale and Rummage Sale on Saturday, April 19, 2014, from 7am to 12pm. Make extra cash by selling unwanted or unused items. Lots are at $25 for a 10x10 space and $50 for a 10x20 space. Spaces are limited so stop by the library and reserve one today. Fore more information, contact Celina C. Foreman (JKPL outreach coordinator) at 235-7315 or drop by the library. ***(PR)***

Transfer Station, Marpi Landfill closed tomorrow

In observance of Good Friday on April 18, 2014, the Lower Base Transfer Station and the Marpi Landfill will be closed all day. Regular schedule will resume on Saturday, April 19, 2014, from 7:30am to 11:30am, and 12:30pm to 4pm. Happy Easter Sunday! ***(PR)***

Red Cross health and safety trainings

The American Red Cross is scheduled to conduct Preparedness Health & Safety training on the following dates:

- Tues., April 22, at 6pm: Infant & Child First Aid/CPR/AED (second session continues Wednesday)
- Tues., April 22, at 6pm: Infant & Child CPR/AED
- Wed., April 23, at 6pm: Standard First Aid

Classes are held at the chapter training room on Airport Road. Course fees apply. To register or for more information on other certification courses, contact the chapter office at 234-3459 or visit www.redcross.org/take-a-class. ***(PR)***

Free business training seminar today

The CNMI Small Business Development Center will be offering a free business training seminar on Saipan today, April 17, at the Family Building (second floor), from 10am to 12pm. It will be presented by CNMI SBDC director Perry Inos Jr. There are limited seats; register by calling 664-3018. ***(PR)***

Friends of the Library info meeting set

There will be a Friends of the Library informational meeting on Saturday, April 19, at 10:30am in the Pacific Room of the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library. All are welcome to attend. ***(PR)***

CCA board meeting on April 22

The Commonwealth Cancer Association's board of directors will be holding its regular meeting on Tuesday, April 22, 2014, at 3pm at the CCA conference room. Agenda includes reports from the president and program updates. All board meetings are open to the public. For more information, contact the Commonwealth Cancer Association at 682-0050 or email at ccamarianas@gmail.com. ***(PR)***

Survivors, caregivers support meeting on April 24

All people facing cancer, their family members, and caregivers are invited to the next Commonwealth Cancer Association monthly support meetings scheduled for Thursday, April 24, 2014, starting at 5:30pm at Hyatt Regency Saipan's Giovanni's Restaurant. To RSVP or for more information, call the Commonwealth Cancer Association at 682-0050 or email at ccamarianas@gmail.com orcca@ccamarianas.org. ***(PR)***

Free erosion control training

Join the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality for a free workshop to learn about how to manage your land to decrease erosion and protect the environment on Saturday, April 26, 9am to 2pm, at Laolao Bay Golf Resort. Please contact Jihan Buniag at 664-8522 or 989-8442 to register. ***(PR)***

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Ray P. Boongaling, Petitioner, vs. Leonila Tordil-Boongaling, Respondent,
) FCD-DI
) CIVIL ACTION
) NO. 11-0518
) **SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION**

TO THE ABOVE NAME RESPONDENT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is on file with the court, within thirty (30) days after service of the Summons upon you, and deliver or mail a copy of your answer to the Petitioner whose address is P.O. Box 501760 Saipan MP 96950 as soon as practical after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at P.O. Box 500307 Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or Mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to file and answer in accordance with this summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for relief in the complaint.

Dated this 10th day of April 2014.

/s/ Clerk of Court

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In the Matter of the Estate of CONSOLACION MAFNAS PALACIOS, Deceased.
Civil Action No. 14-0087
NOTICE OF HEARING / NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Date: June 3, 2014
Time: 1:30 p.m.
Judge: Honorable David A. Wiseman

TO: THE HEIRS, GENERAL PUBLIC AND CREDITORS OF THE DECEDENTS OR OF THEIR ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the Petitioner, Joseph M. Palacios, has filed a Petition For Letters of Administration in the above-entitled Estate proceeding pursuant to Rule NMI R. of Prob. P. 15.

A hearing on the petition will be conducted by the Court on June 3, 2014 at 1:30p.m., in Courtroom 223, Superior Court. All persons interested are hereby notified to appear at the hearing and show cause, if any, why the order should not be made.

Pursuant to NMI R. of Prob. P. 21, notice is hereby given to all creditors of the Decedent or her Estate that they must file their claims with the Clerk of Court within sixty (60) days of the publication of this notice. A copy of the claim of any creditor should be sent to Jennifer Dockter at the above indicated address.

Reference is hereby made to the petition for further particulars.

SO NOTICED this 14th day of April, 2014.

/S/ CLERK OF COURT

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

April 17, 2006

Community suggests alternatives to wage cut

Discussion on the administration's wage cut proposal has generated several recommendations from the community on how government can increase revenues and retire its over $100-million deficit. The suggestions offered during Wednesday night's public hearing on the wage reduction bills pending in the Legislature included tax increase and the tax rebate suspension. This early, however, the Fitial administration has discounted the possibility of increasing taxes. Press secretary Charles P. Reyes Jr. said the governor planned to make good on his election promise not to raise taxes because such a move was opposite to his economic goals for the Commonwealth.

Geologists: Ancient tsunami probably struck Saipan

Two visiting geologists from the U.S. Geological Survey disclosed that a 1956 geologic map indicated that an ancient tsunami could have probably struck Saipan. Geologists Bill Burton and David Weary, in an interview with the *Saipan Tribune*, pointed to the geological map showing the presence at a certain portion of the island of what they called "storm surge deposits." Burton and Weary explained that the idea was that large waves crashed over an area on the island and left typically broken pieces of coral reefs. "The reason why we're interested in this is because this may record ancient tsunamis. So the question is are those records of ancient tsunamis just like what happened in the Indian Ocean?" Burton said.

April 17, 2007

GHI privatization pushed anew

The NMI Retirement Fund is pushing again for the privatization of the government's health insurance program, nearly two years after the plan was first shelved due to feared increased costs. In a meeting yesterday, Fund board members unanimously voted to authorize Fund administrator Mark A. Aguon to issue a request for proposal for the privatization of the group health insurance program. "We're moving forward to privatize the program. We're issuing an RFP very soon," said Fund board chair Juan T. Guerrero. He said the administrator is also tasked to review the concerns identified by the previous administration about the privatization.

Fitial meets with Asiana parent firm

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial is in South Korea to meet with officials of Kumho Asiana, which recently bought LaoLao Bay Golf Resort. According to press secretary Charles P. Reyes Jr., the governor left on Sunday and is expected back on island before the weekend. "The governor is bullish on this company. Kumho Asiana is committed to expanding investments in the islands and it has further developments in the works for Laolay Bay Golf. The governor will meet with them, and of course, promote the CNMI. He will let them know that we welcome their investment," Reyes said.

April 17, 2008

Lack of malpractice insurance limits claims vs CHC

In 2004, an 18-year-old boy had a tracheotomy done at the Commonwealth Health Center. As he was getting ready to go home, his mother called for one of the doctors to come and adjust her son's tracheotomy tube as it was protruding at an angle. The doctor, allegedly without looking at the patient's medical file, forced the tube down the boy's throat, which caused bleeding and an infection that eventually killed the boy. Because the doctor was an employee of the Commonwealth government and acted in this capacity at the time the tragic event happened, the case pitted the family versus the Commonwealth. The case was actually scheduled to be heard in court this month but it did not make it to trial.

'NMI labor, immigration laws will be superseded'

Certain Northern Marianas labor laws will lose their effect once the federal government takes over local immigration. The U.S. Government Accountability Office, in its legal analysis of the federalization bill, said the proposed legislation would supersede all CNMI immigration laws, as well as some CNMI labor laws related to the entry and exit of aliens. That includes most of provisions of Public Law 15-108, the comprehensive law setting new immigration and labor rules that took effect on Jan. 1, 2008.

Community invited to NMC's Charter Day celebration

To celebrate more then 33 years of enriching lives through higher education, the Northern Marianas College is inviting the CNMI community to its biggest celebration of the year, Charter Day, on May 16, 2014.

The theme for this year's Charter Day is: "Full Speed Ahead. Sailing Through 33 Years of Success."

"We're inviting everyone to join us in As Terlaje for our Charter Day celebration," said Leo Pangelinan, dean of Student Services. "We'll be showcasing various programs, hosting fun competitions and, of course, featuring great entertainment."

The festivities will kick off at 5pm and will continue until 10pm.

There will be various entertainment and competitions throughout the night. Delicious food, drinks, and games will also be offered for sale by numerous vendors.

Agencies, businesses, clubs, and other civic organizations are invited to participate by purchasing booth space for the following categories: food/drink, game booths, retail (arts and crafts, toys etc.), and information.

The deadline to submit applications for booth spaces will be posted to the NMC website. Booth space is limited so applications should be submitted as soon the deadline is announced. The booth fee is $75 for everyone including the NMC clubs and nonprofit organizations. For more information, visit www.marianas.edu.

For more information about Charter Day, contact Pangelinan at 234-5498 Ext. 6767 or via email at leo.pangelinan@marianas.edu. ***(NMC)***

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Winners of last year's Marianas Idol competition at the NMC Charter Day pose with the event's judges. This year's Charter Day will be on May 16, 2014, and will feature the Marianas Idol and other competitions and a number of other performances.

Free health screening on Easter Sunday

In an effort to increase awareness of disease prevention and staying healthy, the US Pinoys for Good Governance Marianas chapter, in collaboration with the San Jose Parish church and Rev. Father Rey Rosal, will be hosting a free health screening on April 20, Easter Sunday, from 7:30am to 11am, at the San Jose Parish Social Hall.

Rosal

"During this Holy Week, we focus on our spiritual needs. However, we should also think of our physical well-being—a healthy body, a healthy mind," said Rev. Father Rey Rosal, parish priest of San Jose Church.

" I am very grateful to the US Pinoys for Good Governance Marianas chapter with the leadership of Dr. Celia Lamkin in hosting this free health screening and in collaborating with me on this very important health awareness campaign so that the parishioners and other members of the community will be more aware and responsible in taking care of their health," added Rosal.

According to Dr. Celia Lamkin, chairperson of USP4GG Marianas chapter for CNMI and Guam, the free health screening includes blood pressure measurements, blood sugar tests, weight, height, and body mass index determinations. Brochures and pamphlets on disease prevention such as hypertension, diabetes, high cholesterol, high triglycerides, stroke, heart attacks, heart diseases, obesity, among others, will be provided free to the participants.

Those who would like to avail the blood sugar tests should refrain from eating and drinking liquids preferably 12 hours prior or at least 2 hours prior to the actual testing.

The public is invited regardless of ethnicity, religion, citizenship, and nationality. ***(USP4GG)***

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JVA#14-006	Statistics Specialist I	04/25/14

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Interested applicants must submit resume or pick up an application at St. Jude Renal Care Facility Inc., at Chalan Kiya, Saipan. Deadline to submit an application will be on 04/25/2014 at 4:00p.m. For more information, please call Judy Arriola at (670) 234-2905 ext. 124.

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Applications can be obtained and submitted at SUNSHINE 100 RESORT DEV'T. CO., LTD. Human Resources Office located on the 2nd Floor, JP Center Building at Beach Road, Garapan. Salaries will commensurate with qualifications and experience. To be considered, applications must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m., Thursday, April 24, 2014.

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If Moscow continues to threaten Ukraine, the US and Europe should impose tougher sanctions

Perhaps Russia can be induced to pull its troops back from the border with Ukraine and to abandon efforts to destabilize what is left of that country after its illegal annexation of Crimea. It's not a sign of weakness for the United States and other nations to pursue those objectives through negotiations.

But the U.S. and its European allies simultaneously need to make it clear that if Russia continues to threaten and intimidate Ukraine, new economic sanctions will be imposed not only on individual high-ranking Russian officials but also on entire sectors of the Russian economy. That would admittedly be a more painful policy for European countries than for the United States, given Europe's dependence on Russian energy.

On Sunday, in a debate that recalled Cold War confrontations between the U.S. and the old Soviet Union, U.S. envoy Samantha Power accused Russia of orchestrating the "synchronized surgical seizure of buildings" in eastern Ukraine by pro-Russia separatists.

Power didn't provide a smoking gun comparable to the reconnaissance photos brandished by her predecessor Adlai Stevenson in 1962, when he accused the Soviets of installing nuclear missiles in Cuba. But she referred to "videos of professional military shepherding thugs into a building in Kramatorsk" and "the photographs showing the so-called concerned citizens taking over Slavyansk equipped exactly like the elite troops that took Crimea." (Pro-Russia forces continued to occupy government buildings Monday, as Ukraine's president called for the deployment of a United Nations peacekeeping force—an operation that Russia could block by exercising its veto on the U.N. Security Council.)

Unlike in Crimea, Russian President Vladimir Putin may not intend to annex the regions in eastern Ukraine where armed separatists have challenged the government in Kiev. His objective may instead be to undermine the authority of Ukraine's current leaders and pressure them into granting greater autonomy to pro-Russia regions. But that sort of "slow-motion invasion" is also an intolerable violation of Ukraine's sovereignty.

Ukraine isn't a member of NATO and the alliance isn't bound to defend it. Arizona Republican Sen. John McCain's suggestion that the United States supply Ukraine with "light weapons" (which would be useless against the Russian army) is more of a primal scream than a policy prescription. But the U.S. and its allies can take measures short of military action to punish Putin for his adventurism and disregard for international law. After the invasion of Crimea, German Chancellor Angela Merkel warned that Russia would face "massive" political and economic damage if it didn't change course. That can't become a hollow threat.

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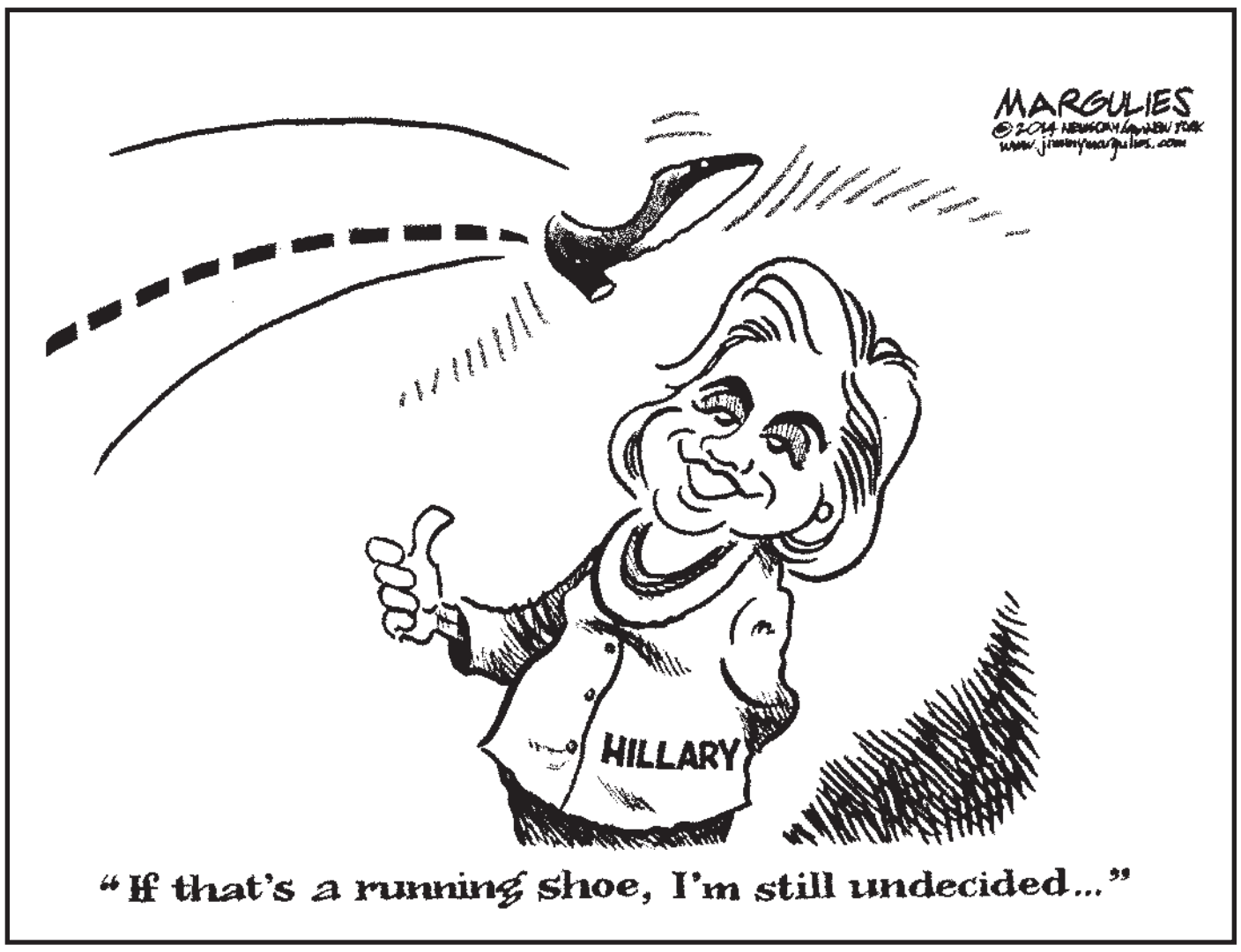

Gethsemani and Golgotha

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I usually do some mundane chore during my thinking time. From my second floor tenement dwelling that I now occupy 30 days ago after I moved out of the faculty room at Shenyang Aerospace University's Friendship Villa, the chore takes the form of sweeping the steps and mopping the dirt off three floor landings, at least two times a week.

Twelve steps down the ground level are basement rooms used by local entrepreneurs to warehouse cartoons of goods. This week, I decided to tackle the bowels of my buildings' accumulation of dirt and years of stairs' sweepings, and while I was carting out mounds of dirt and trash from the basement floor to the ground level landing on to the trash bin outside, a young businessman in leather jacket came to retrieve a couple of huge boxes with his dolly.

He might have noticed that he no longer needed to gingerly avoid trash on his way down, and in fact, could feel the cement steps under his shoes without worrying about slipping down from the accumulated loose dirt. It was on his second trip, after exchanging words with one of the tenants who might have mentioned that I was the foreigner who lives on the second floor who has this crazy obsession of wanting to keep the place tidy and clean, i.e., scraping the unsightly pasted ads on the stair walls and doors as well as leaving potted plants on the stair's windows and landings, that we connected.

On his way out the young man motioned to me and opened his jacket, proudly pulling out from under his shirt a silver crucifix necklace. He was not a Protestant because the crucifix was not bare. The icon of the suffering Jesus crowned with thorns made me suspect that he's run into a *padre* or two *madres* (they always seem to go by pairs) in his wanderings, and had heard not a few catacomb stories when the faithful were forced to keep identity a secret.

I had mixed feelings. Raised in the evangelical/revival tradition, I reflexively appreciate those who hold convictions. Yet there was more pride than faith in his demeanor, and I would not have been surprised had he attributed whatever success he had on commerce, not unlike his Korean kindred, on the sunshine attributes of his sovereign, "Thank you, Jesus!"

A few days before, I had lunch with former students (who always insist on going Dutch), one named Kiwi who received my former VA car tag "Kiwi One," my *er lao po* and I once got in honor of our daughter Andrea conceived in Wellington, NZ, years back. The tag handover was delayed a month because Kiwi broke her waist. Hospitalized, she refused the surgery offered and in the process discovered the power of quiet meditation. Though influenced by Buddhists, she decided to use the theistic language of the intervening other to describe her "miraculous" healing and the source of her new strength.

Being a former theologian, challenged for half a century to shun the theistic metaphor, I was nevertheless delighted that she articulated the existential sense of the awe and the awesome, being herself an awed one. She is in good company. In writing of the events told them, Luke portrayed a wavering Jesus in his "let this cup runneth not over me, but thy will, not mine, be done." Mark had a more plaintive and traditional cry on the cross: *"Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?"* (My Lord, my Lord, why have thy forsaken me?)

Our pictures of the vigil in Gethsemani and the crucifixion at Golgotha (aka, the Skull), heavily influenced by Iberia to pacify natives in their use of the sword to further the cause of the cross, are the image of a quivering Jesus in deep doubt on the one hand and a victim betrayed and forsaken on the other. This is not a complete picture.

In my own clarity, the image set in this whole Holy Week scenario begins with a big hoopla of a triumphal entry into the portal of powers, and then a willful demonstration of the coercive inefficacy of death in determining the meaning of life. Put bluntly, Jesus was not a victim as wailed many times over on the 14 stops to the Stations of the Cross.

Luke was clear about Jesus:

"When you see a cloud rising in the west,
you say at once that it is going to rain,
and so it does.
And when you feel the south wind blowing,
you say that it is going to be hot,
and so it is.
You frauds! You know how to interpret the look of the earth and sky.
Why can't you interpret the meaning of the times in which you live?
And why can't you decide for yourselves what is right?"

That, perhaps, was the source of my discomfort with our proud young businessman with the crucifix necklace. I do not think he ever got the chance to plumb the depth of the cost of discipleship, as Dietrich Bonheoffer once did, and paid with his life for it. At the core of "faith" is the human decision. Jesus decided. He chose to be crucified.

Now, as for me, from dust I might have come but in dust, I shall refrain. So please, pass the broom and the mop, and I trust you will get those plastic wrappers off the street and into the trash bins! To paraphrase old Mom, "Tidiness is next to awesomeness!"

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Dañosu i industrian casino

Tantu de man-baila hit yan diskuidu, uttimoña masuhun un` sumen destrosiau na asuntu gi hechuran casino. Mana` silensiu gi sigidu na inapprueba gi lehislatura. Dispues mafitma lai sin annunsiu as Gobietno Eulogio S. Inos.

Haf` na machanda direchun i tautau man-pattisipau gi este na asuntu? Na ti sustansiau yan dañkulu i attikulu poresu na debi u saunau i publiku? Kau pot dos biahe i botadot Saipan ha punu` este na ginagau na mana` silensiu finaposña gi dos na guma` lehislatura?

Todu i tiempu i sikretu i primera simiyan dañkulu na che`chu kriminat piot `nai mafattu ginen chatdisposision offisiat publiku siha. Estague` primera defektu gi hasupag na inapprueban lai casino guine gi alacha.

Tat ti tumuñgu` na mampos tumunog rinikohen kontribusion tax guine. Hafa na taiguine masusede? Na ti magahet na pot diskuidon man-ma`gasta na tat familia pa`gu ti nina` gagalileg gi halom fache` miserapble na pinadese?

Hagas planun i administrasion yan lehislatura para umapunu` i programan man-ritirau pot para u fan obra kumonduse halom lai casino. Enfin, masoda` ginefsagan niha ya sin ditension machoneg sin konsiderasion sentimenton botadot Saipan ni pumunu` i casino pot dos besis. Estague` na mañan offisiat i man-gaige pa`gu kumu man-sabiun hegsu` I Deni` ni sumen tai respetu gi disision publiku.

Gi finu` atpahon man-amko`ta: Todu tinituhon ni ti mauleg siempre baba uttimoña. Poresu, debi hita mismu ta choma` dañosu na lai pot no u yamag yan destrosia i pas yan trañkilidat ha`anita kumu tautau isla. Man-magof yan mañgontentu hit gi hilu` hinimidde gi haf` guinahata. Taya` motibu na para ta sede mañan kriminat ginen hesgsu` I Deni` na u destrosia modun linala`ta.

Destrosiu: Luta yan Tinian

Pa`gu matutuhon mañgalamten iya Tinian yan Luta, mafitma lai i Saipan Casino ni umafuetsas i nuebu na dueñon Tinian Dynasty para u gu`ot tatte planun niha. Kontodu iya Luta nina` kikilulog lokue` para u fan inbiette (investor) casino guihe.

Mañgeha publikamente na man-madage siha gi hilu` planu para uma-adelanta ekonomian dos tanu` yan enteru iya Marianas ginen industrian casino. Sumen dañosu na dinage piot `nai machalapon este na gaseta halom Japon yan Asia. Ha huchum man-inbiette guine pot klaru na taya` fitme na areglu ginen man-ma`gas i tanu`.

Hu komprende afulu` politika gi halom este na te`ug fache`. Lau haye in` represesenta; na ti tautau ni hagas man-ñgaha` ayudu ginen hegsu` I Deni`? Kau i destrosiu gi adelanton ekonomian iya Marianas ni para u sapet mas i tautau i primera regalon miyu? Kau destrosiu tinagu` i publiku ni in` represesenta? Haf` na infa` pigu` fache` i publiku gi asuntoña? Dios mihu na che`chu` muron!

Mauleg mohon i chatdisision areglu ni muna` dimu yan fuma` basula pa`gu Tinian yan Luta? Haf` gaige gi gueku na konsensian miyu? Dalai na ma`lag ha`ane ya homhum lini`e miyu?

Taya` respetu gi publiku

Ti hu komprende i taya` respetu gi disision publiku pot dos besis. Lau komprendiyun haf` na mana` esgin mutuñg na sisonyan karisu huyuñg i gotpe na inapprueban lai casino para Saipan.

Anog na man-tai konsensia espirituat i bumota casino piot sa` todu atlibes aksion niha. Ma-apprueba sin kabales na inestudia. Dispues ha bira siha tatte ma-amenda mas i lai casino. Hombre ni este memegai ha` sustansiau siha na asuntu ti mana` fan halom.

Man-hinatme kutturan "Apas Baila" piot sa` kontra kostat pot kostat na pupulu. Anog na maseha manana i ha`ane, ni unu lumi`e haf` gaige gi sanmena sa` kulot betde ha malili`e ni hinemhom? Manana ya infa` man-bachet hamyu?

Ni taimanu na atlibesmu, taigue i futturon i tautau gi lai Saipan casino soluke interes i Chinu ni esta monhayan ma-ayeg ni man-sabiun I Deni`.

Siña ha` guaha apas gi immidiatmente gi halom kadada` na tiempu. Gi dispues man-afana` hit pot kuestion futturon programan man-ritirau yan ayu i manhuyuñg gi programa. Puru sakudidan me`nan gui`eñg `nai Hassan ma-atan mona haf` mamamaila` dispues de gipot fina` mames. I mames siha gumulusune mientras i `ansobla man-mana`e hit para ta apprubecha.

Maseha haf` u guaha, maila` tafan arikohe unu yan otru ya ta chule` tatte futturon famaguonta gi hilu` motmut na inestudia yan ma`lag na planun finatton chatagmag. Ta mirese este mina` hu fafaisen kada unu para ta fan apipet umaregla tatte i mampos machalapon na halom salan gima`ta. Ha mirese famaguonta mit pot sientu na animu ginen hita pa`gu. Maila` ta ayuda prumutehe futtunan niha. Felis Pasgua!

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Reading between the lines in Washington

Reading is such an improbable idea—a miracle, really. Yet simple squiggles on a page, arranged just so, can convey ideas that change the way we think or introduce to us characters we love for a lifetime. In celebration of reading—and of this weekend's *Los Angeles Times* Festival of Books—we asked four readers (who also happen to be writers) to celebrate books that mattered in their lives.

If you want a friend in Washington, the saying goes, get a dog. But if you're looking to understand Washington, I'd recommend fiction.

Not a thriller or a potboiler, though. I mean serious fiction, specifically the stories and novels of Ward Just, a brilliant war correspondent for the *Washington Post* who decided he could tell more truth if he shook off the strictures of journalism.

"Journalism is useful," he once wrote, "but truth wears many masks, and in Washington facts sometimes tend to mislead. All the facts sometimes tend to mislead absolutely."

Just's first great story, "The Congressman Who Loved Flaubert," convinced me he was right. We see Washington politicians in action all the time, thanks to the endless chatter of cable news. But Just's characters have something television and newspapers often can't convey: complicated inner lives. They are driven by ambition—no surprise there. But they're also gripped by uncertainty and regret, two demons no one in public life is allowed to acknowledge.

Listen, for example, to the protagonist of "The Congressman Who Loved Flaubert," a once-idealistic Southern Democrat who worries about the compromises he's made in his struggle for power in the House of Representatives:

"It was not a place for lost causes," Rep. Lou LaRuth reflects. "There were too many conflicting interests … (and) too many people: 435 representatives and about a quarter of them quite bright. Quite bright enough and knowledgeable enough to strangle embarrassing proposals and take revenge as well. Everyone was threatened if the eccentrics got out of hand."

Just wrote that story in 1972, but he could just as well have been describing today.

"LaRuth, at 40, has no secret answers. Nor any illusions," Just writes. "The congressman, contemplating all of it, is both angry and sad…. He thinks that everything in his life is meant to end in irony and contradiction." Some members of the current House would recognize that feeling all too well.

"*House of Cards*" fans will hear echoes of Francis Underwood in Just's portraits of Washington, but without television's manic pacing and melodramatic twists. On the pages of a book, Just's characters can let their inner monologues play out more deeply and more truthfully than the best of Kevin Spacey's wry asides to the camera.

Like all Washington correspondents, I'm often asked—by friends, relatives, audiences—to reveal something secret, something we can't put in the newspaper. I usually wave my hands, embarrassed, and say there really aren't secrets we know but don't publish—very few, anyway. But that's not a full answer. There are plenty of secrets that don't get written about. Sometimes they're simply hard to pin down. Sometimes they're in the gray zone between public life and private life—the gay senator who won't come out of the closet, the elderly congressman who's no longer up to the job.

And sometimes they're easy to write about in the aggregate—the officials who go easy on industries they regulate, thinking about their next jobs—but difficult to write in the more damning particular. Hardly ever do officials sit down with reporters and confess: Here's how I lost my idealism. Here's when I decided: What the hell, I can't change the system, I might as well make money.

That's why we need fiction. And even in Ward Just's elegant fiction, the characters don't always tell the whole truth.

"All the stories they told had something missing. This, it seemed to me then as it does now, is common among government people," a character in Just's most recent novel, "*American Romantic*," muses. "There would come a moment when their voices trailed off and any attentive listener would know they were deep in their memories, pondering what they were unable—not unwilling but unable—to say aloud. The missing piece."

It's a reminder to journalists and their readers that they're never quite getting the full story. Almost no one ever knows the full story—and those who do aren't telling.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Gangsterism in government

Maybe readers will finally start to believe what I tell them about our government. One of the main reasons I kept making predictions—that came true I might add—was not from arrogance or just bragging but a genuine effort to gain credibility from the general public that I was right and can help make the CNMI a better place. I have been telling the people the truth all along and the governor has been giving us lip service by telling "half-truths" that are really whole lies. I can only pray for the sake of our Commonwealth that readers will now believe me before believing our governor.

FYI readers, the Dynasty was not interested, as I confirmed that the person who signed for the Dynasty was not from the Dynasty—a gangster play to fool the people into thinking it was two. One commenter in the news wanted to know why we keep hearing the lie about the Dynasty but not a word about the other investor. Why are they still a secret when they want exclusive control of our gaming infrastructure? Only gangster investors would hide and disrespect the people's "no" decision.

The governor lied and misled people about the ferry that was free with $2 million in fuel subsidies. The governor even promised a ferry study by November of last year—another lie.

The governor and Legislature have clearly taken a gangster approach by forcing casinos down our throats and even those in favor of the casino know it is wrong. If we the people don't send a message that our leaders cannot disrespect a decision of the people, they will do it again and we will be crying foul again. We need to spank our government good as the impeachment was not enough to change the behavior of this administration's gangster approach.

The behavior of the Tinian Gaming Commission is also a telling sign of the gangster approach to the Saipan casino. The Dynasty may now be forced to apply just to stay alive and in the game. The Tinian Gaming Commission that should be elected, not appointed, have already started their effort to kill the Dynasty by applying new rules and regulations that will slow down and even stop certain parts of the Dynasty's operation. The Dynasty pays each of them $75,000 a year to help but instead they are about to kill the hand that feeds them and the only reason I can think of that they would kill the Dynasty is because someone else is offering them more—pure gangsterism!

We also have a governor who just joined the GOP in a power play to get elected and now he is supporting Kilili who is not a GOP member but a Democrat! I guess the governor has decided who the GOP will support for delegate even though he never won an election himself. What a joke on the GOP and voters because it is obvious the governor is disregarding the GOP by trying to ride on the votes of Kilili. His true colors are starting to show.

P.S.: If you didn't see the TV telecast of the Senate passing the casino bill ask someone because the Senate president and his crew took a gangster approach and shoved the casino down the throats of the other senators who didn't even get a full day to review the bill. I'm sure even many of the casino supporters saw the gangsterism on display. So if you want the CNMI to be a better place, stop listening to a governor whose first major legislation disrespected the people with his gangster approach to governing. I'm sure many readers will now agree it will be better to listen more to the social, economic and political activist who has been working for you—Ambrose M Bennett!

Ambrose M Bennett
Kagman, Saipan

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Northeast winds 10 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. Northeast winds 10 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. Northeast winds 10 to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
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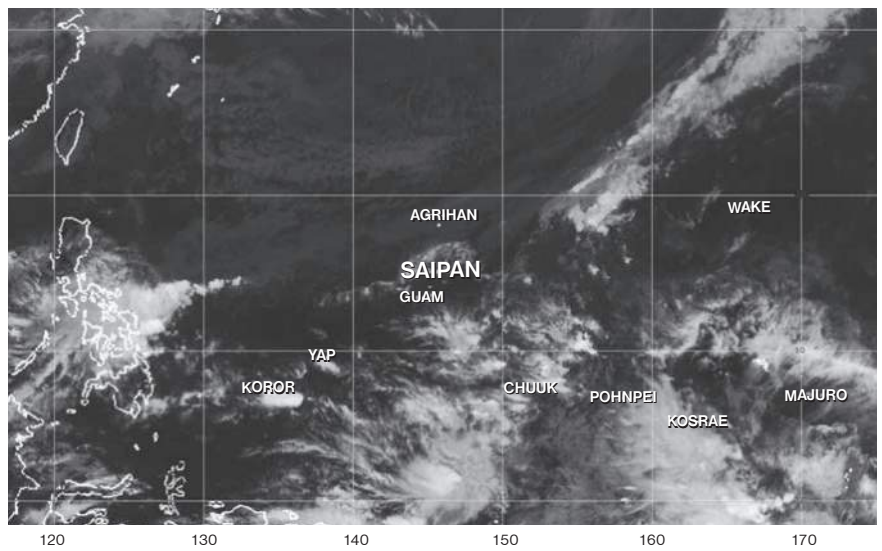
Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲88	▼79
Palau	Showers	▲86	▼77
Yap	Partly Cloudy	▲89	▼77
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼79
Pohnpei	Showers	▲86	▼77
Kosrae	Showers	▲86	▼77
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼79

Around The Globe

Auckland	Thunderstorms	▲70	▼65
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲74	▼54
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	▲77	▼71
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲83	▼72
London	Partly Cloudy	▲67	▼40
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲76	▼57
Manila	Thundershowers	▲89	▼80
Melbourne	Sunny	▲74	▼54
Miami	Showers	▲80	▼73
New York	Sunny	▲50	▼35
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	▲73	▼57
Paris	Mostly Sunny	▲68	▼50
Pusan	Rain	▲66	▼54
Rome	Windy	▲64	▼45
Salem	Showers	▲59	▼48
San Francisco	Sunny	▲69	▼53
Seoul	Mostly Cloudy	▲71	▼50
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲70	▼57
Washington, DC	Sunny	▲53	▼37

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 2014
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A cold front extends southwestward from 25N164E to 18N152E then continues west-southwestward as a shear line across the Northern Marianas near Anatahan to beyond 130E at 14N. Cloudiness and scattered showers are occurring along and up to 210 miles northwest of this boundary. A near equatorial trough runs eastward from 10N130E to a circulation centered northwest of Chuuk near 10N149E then turns southeastward to end at the equator and 172E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are located near Koror between 9N and 6N from 133E to 137E. Similar weather is found south of Yap within 50 miles of a line from 9N137E to 8N141E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found over Chuuk state between 11N and the equator from 145E to 156e. Numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring mainly south of Kosrae between 6N and the equator from 160E to 167E farther east. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are located over Butaritari and Tarawa atolls south of a line from 5N170E to EQ180.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

3:59 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.8 Feet
9:22 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet
4:17 PM	Today	Low Tide:	-0.2 Feet
10:51 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:02 AM	6:32 PM
Friday	6:01 AM	6:32 PM
Saturday	6:01 AM	6:32 PM
Sunday	6:00 AM	6:32 PM
Monday	5:59 AM	6:32 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	8:21 PM	7:16 AM
Friday	9:19 PM	8:08 AM
Saturday	10:16 PM	9:02 AM
Sunday	11:13 PM	9:59 AM
Monday		10:58 AM

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DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5078	3:10pm	4:00pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	6:55pm	8:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota
UA5038	7:45pm	8:35pm	2, 6
UA5078	8:10pm	9:00pm	3

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA5038	5:35pm	6:10pm	2, 6

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA5038	6:40pm	7:15pm	2, 6

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:05am	8:45am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6
DL297	4:30pm	7:25pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	4:00am	8:00am	1, 5

SAIPAN-GUANZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:50am	11: 05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am	3, 6, 7 via GUM
DL287/473	6:05am	10:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6 via NRT
UA5068/183	8:00am	9:10pm	3 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:10pm	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:10pm	9:10pm	1, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	Daily via ICN

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5068/179	8:00am	9:55pm	3 via GUM
UA5078/179	3:10pm	9:55pm	1, 5, 6 via GUM
OZ604/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	Daily via ICN

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5077	1:50pm	2:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	5:35pm	6:25pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5038	5:35pm	7:15pm	2, 6 via Rota
UA5077	6:50pm	7:40pm	3

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA5039	6:55pm	7:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA5039	8:00pm	8:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:00pm	1:50am+1	3, 6

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	7:20pm	3:00am+1	4, 7

GUANZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

DL172/288	7:45am	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT
UA190/5039	9:55am	6:25pm	7 via Guam
UA190/5038	9:55am	7:15pm	6 via Rota-Guam
UA190/5077	9:55am	7:40pm	3 via Guam
OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
UA184/5071	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via Guam
UA184/5038	10:25pm	7:15pm+1	1 via Rota-Guam
UA184/5071	11:30pm	7:30am+1	2 via Guam
UA184/5038	11:30pm	7:15pm+1	5 via Rota-Guam

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA180/5071	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; VLK: Vladivostok Air; SYL: Yakutia Air; D: Dynamic Airways; ORB: OREN AIR.

ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The *Saipan Tribune* is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

Peace Corps volunteers to arrive in Pohnpei and Yap

In two separate ceremonies, the Pohnpei and Yap governments signed memoranda of understandings for the placement of experienced Peace Corps Response Volunteers in various state government entities.

The MOUs outline the responsibilities of the state governments with this innovative program to provide capacity building in priority development sectors.

The PCRV program provides the partner country with seasoned professionals to undertake short-term, high-impact volunteer assignments around the globe. PCR volunteers typically serve six months to one year. This new program is supported by JEMCO-approved Compact funds.

Pohnpei Gov. John Ehsa and Peace Corps country director for the FSM & Palau Robert Reid signed a memorandum of understanding in the Pohnpei State Governor's office on April 3, 2014. Also present was Pohnpei state budget officer Christina Elnei, who is coordinating the provision of host country contributions from Pohnpei state to support this endeavor.

The first group of seven volunteer specialists will arrive this summer to work for one year in Pohnpei to serve at the Department of Education, the Department of Health Services, and the Aid Coordination Office.

The five Peace Corps response volunteers in Education will work with local principals around the island as education accreditation specialists, to help elementary and secondary schools in devising corrective structure, policy, and administrative procedural reforms in the seven accreditation standards in order to ensure that every school meets the accreditation requirements.

The Peace Corps response volunteer who will work as Non-Communicable Disease Data Management program specialist will help to establish a reliable and efficient data management system to monitor the trends and effectiveness of state programs in dealing with the NCD crisis.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Pohnpei State budget officer Christina Elnei, Gov. John Ehsa, and Peace country director Robert Reid.

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Yap Gov. Sebastian Anefal, Resource and Development director Frank Haregaichig, and Peace Corps country director Robert Reid.

The PCRV who will serve as an aid coordination specialist will work with the Pohnpei external coordinator to help establish a grant writing and management system within the Pohnpei State Budget Office.

Yap Gov. Sebastian Anefal and Peace Corps country director Robert Reid previously signed a memorandum of understanding in the governor's office on Feb. 26. Also participating in that signing ceremony was Director Frank Haregaichig of the Yap State Department of Resources & Development; he is coordinating the provision of host country contributions from Yap State to support this endeavor.

The first group of six volunteer specialists will arrive this summer to work for one year in the Department of Health Services, the Marine Resources Management Division, the Division of Agriculture and Forestry, and the Division of Youth Services.

Three PCRVs will work with local counterparts as a public health physician, a microbiologist to train hospital laboratory technicians, and an environmental health specialist to train staff to analyze and inspect environmental conditions that impact the health of the population throughout Yap.

The PCRV who will work as a marine environment specialist will help to develop an enhanced monitoring program for Yap State and conduct trainings for staff on how to implement, analyze, and report monitoring in order to develop a marine strategic management plan.

The PCRV who will serve as an agriculture data analyst will train staff to conduct an agriculture survey to establish baseline data to be used within the agricultural sector to increase awareness and encourage the production of local produce.

The youth program specialist PCRV will labor with the OurYap Organization to help implement activities, and assist government agencies to collect additional data on youth in order to design community-based youth programs.

The use of experienced volunteers who can bring a lifetime of experience to the table as capacity-building trainers is a proven technique for transferring knowledge to developing countries. Peace Corps is currently reviewing options to expand the Peace Corps Response program in FSM. ***(U.S. Embassy)***

31st Annual Islandwide Cleanup on April 25

The Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality's 31st Annual Islandwide Cleanup for Environmental Awareness Month will be held Friday, April 25, from 3:30pm to 4:30pm. This event is an ongoing BECQ commitment to lead the CNMI in reducing littering and promoting a healthy environment.

This cleanup is particularly notable because Let's Move Marianas Alliance is using the event to launch an initiative entitled "Let's Clean Up Marianas." The objective of the initiative is to host islandwide cleanups on a quarterly basis in alliance with existing BECQ hosted events: Division of Environmental Quality's Annual Islandwide Cleanup in April and Coastal Resource Management's International Coastal Cleanup in September.

This inter-agency cooperation affirms our commitment in working alongside our community to make a difference in maintaining a healthy environment and healthy citizens.

Please join BECQ and the Let's Move Marianas Alliance in working together to achieve this year's Environmental Awareness Month theme to "Keep it Clean, and Keep it Green!"

To have your office or organization sign up for this event, contact BECQ at 664-8500 or email the event coordinators Edward Dela Cruz at edwarddelacruz@deq.gov.mp or Tom Pangelinan at tompangelinan@deq.gov.mp for a registration forms. ***(BECQ)***

Insurance association donates to Crime Stoppers

The Northern Marianas Insurance Association donated to NMI Crime Stoppers on Friday, April 11, at the Department of Public Safety's Central Office, in support of the NMICS 2014 Annual Crime Stoppers Soft Pitch Softball Tournament slated for May 23-25 at the Capitol Hill softball field.

During the donation turnover, association vice president Shirley Sablan thanked the NMI Crime Stoppers for providing a medium for members of the community to report crimes.

"We are truly grateful to the NMI Crime Stoppers and its volunteers for helping to reduce crime in the CNMI," said Sablan. "Members of the NMIA will always support your cause."

NMI Crime Stoppers chair Brian Clayton received the donation on behalf of his organization.

The NMI Crime Stoppers is a non-profit organization that aims to reduce the number of crimes in the CNMI by providing the community with a truly anonymous way to help law enforcement locate and arrest criminals. Throughout the years, the NMI Crime Stoppers has provided tips to the Department of Public Safety that led to 248 arrests and the recovery of over $270,000 in property and over $2.6 million in seized drugs.

The non-profit organization is currently seeking the assistance of the community to ensure the success of the tournament. A $1,500 donation entitles a fully paid entrance of a team of your choice, a display of a banner during the tournament, and advertising exposure on MCV's Channel 41.

Members of the NMIA include Pacific Indemnity Insurance represented by president Pete Schilling; Tokio Marine Pacific Insurance Limited represented by Sablan; National Union, American Homes, and New Hampshire Insurance Company represented by secretary Eli Buenaventura; Century Insurance represented by treasurer Gol Corpuz; Aioi Insurance represented by community relations chair Suzi Perez; Dongbu and First Net Insurance represented by director Cathy Tenorio; and Equitable Insurance represented by Terry Guerrero. ***(PR)***

Today's workforce values diversity

Progressive and proactive employers recognize the importance of recruiting, hiring, and advancing the employment of qualified individuals with disabilities.

Tax incentives are available to businesses that hire qualified workers with disabilities or make their establishments accessible by removing physical barriers.

Also, new federal regulations known as Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act, which became effective March 24, 2014, and is applicable to the CNMI, prohibits federal contractors and subcontractors from discriminating against people based on disability and encourages them to take affirmative steps to promote the employment of qualified individuals with disabilities.

The Office of Vocational Rehabilitation can assist businesses with their disability-related issues by providing guidance and technical assistance. OVR can also help eligible individuals with disabilities to prepare for the workforce by offering individualized vocational rehabilitation services including training and education. For more information, contact OVR at Ph: (670) 322-6537/8; TTY: (670) 322-6449; Fax: (670) 322-6536; email:nmidir@ovrgov.net; or P.O. Box 501521, Saipan, MP 96950. ***(PR)***

Join next Marriage Encounter Weekend

Want to spend an unforgettable weekend with your spouse to rediscover your hopes and dreams? When was the last time you spent time alone with your spouse to reconnect and share some true quality time? Yes, you can turn your marriage into a great marriage through a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! The emphasis of the M.E. Weekend is on the communication between husbands and wives. The Weekend provides a conducive environment for couples to spend time together, encouraging them to focus on each other, and their relationship. It's not a retreat, marriage clinic, or substitute for counseling. Couples are not required to share anything with anyone else. It's a unique approach aimed at revitalizing marriage so it truly is a marriage enrichment program.

The CNMI's next Marriage Encounter Weekend will be on June 27 to 29, 2014, at the Kanoa Resort Saipan. Cost is $100 per couple. Space is limited to only 25 couples.

For further information or a registration form, contact any of the below listed individuals:

- Summer 2014 Weekend Coordinators Jay and Joyce Santos
  Tel: 285-5466
  Email: teedoffsaipan@gmail.com
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  Phone no. 256-4568, or email address ikeayuyu@gmail.com
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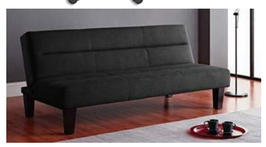

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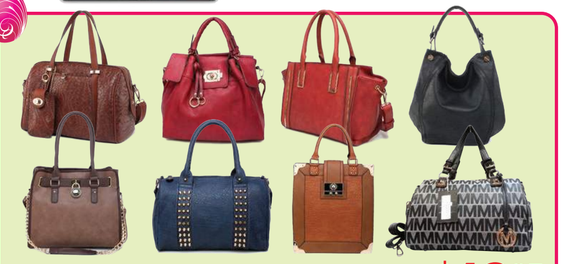

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Tobacco cos. make payments under state settlement

RICHMOND, Va. (AP)—The nation's top cigarette makers said Tuesday they have made about $6 billion in annual payments as part of a longstanding settlement in which some companies are paying states for smoking-related health care costs.

Under the 1998 Master Settlement Agreement, participating tobacco companies agreed to make billions in payments to 46 states, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam, the U.S. commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and the District of Columbia over more than two decades. States first received full payments under the settlement in 1999. It was estimated that the companies would pay up to $246 billion over 25 years. Future annual payments also will continue in perpetuity.

The billions in annual payments come amid criticism from public health officials that states are using only a small amount of the money to fund tobacco-prevention programs, making it harder to reduce death and disease caused by tobacco use. The settlement did not mandate that the money was to be used for anti-tobacco and stop-smoking programs.

While states on average have never spent as much the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention would like, the total has declined dramatically in recent years as states have grappled with budget deficits. Many also have raised tobacco taxes in order to increase revenue and supplement funds provided by the tobacco industry.

Philip Morris USA, the nation's largest cigarette maker owned by Altria Group Inc., said Tuesday that it made its payment of about $3.3 billion as part of the settlement.

The Richmond-based maker of Marlboro, Virginia Slims and Parliament cigarettes said the payment includes an undisclosed amount that it says it doesn't owe that was deposited into a separate account. The company will try to get it back through negotiations or arbitration, as allowed under the settlement.

No. 2 R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., owned by Reynolds American Inc., based in Winston-Salem, N.C., paid $1.77 billion this year. The maker of Camel, Pall Mall, Kool and other brands deposited a portion it disputes— $421 million—into a separate account.

No. 3 Lorillard Inc., Greensboro, N.C.-based maker of Newport, True and Maverick brand cigarettes, paid $1.1 billion this year, including $93 million it disputes.

Philip Morris USA said it has paid more than $66 billion under the settlement and previous agreements since 1997. RJR has paid more than $33 billion under the agreements, and Lorillard has paid more than $16 billion.

Jonathan Toves appointed to Air Force Academy

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Guam Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo has announced that Jonathan Toves has been appointed to the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs.

Toves is the son of Jim and Doris Toves of Barrigada and will graduate from Father Duenas Memorial School in May 2014. He was nominated by Bordallo and competed with nominees nationwide for admission into the Air Force Academy Preparatory School.

Guam Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo presents a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition to Jonathan Toves nominating him to the U.S. Air Force Academy. He is joined by his parents, Jim and Doris Toves.

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Toves is an honor roll student and the parliamentarian of the FDMS National Honor Society. He is also a cadet lieutenant of the Phoenix Company Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps and a member of several academic and extracurricular organizations. Toves is also a member of the FDMS tennis team and paddling team, a member of the IIAG All Island Tennis Team, and the FDMS Spanish Club treasurer.

"Jonathan Toves has an impressive academic and extracurricular record, and I congratulate him on his appointment to the U.S. Air Force Academy," said Bordallo. "I am confident that he will excel at the Air Force Academy and look forward to his service to our nation as an officer in the Air Force." ***(PR)***

Jonah Whitt is appointed to US Air Force Academy Preparatory School

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Guam Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo has announced that Jonah Whitt has been appointed to the U.S. Air Force Academy Preparatory School in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Whitt is the son of Caesar and Andrea Whitt of Ordot and will graduate from St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic High School in May 2014. He was nominated by Bordallo and competed with high school students nationwide for admission into the Air Force Academy Preparatory School.

Whitt is an active member of several academic and extracurricular organizations. He has served as president of the St. Thomas Aquinas World Language Club, is a member of the Concentus Choir, and vice president of the Tech Crew. Whitt also participates in intramural sports with Simon Sanchez High School where he is the captain of the wrestling team and a defensive linebacker on the football team.

"I congratulate Jonah Whitt on his appointment to the U.S. Air Force Academy Prep School," said Bordallo. "Jonah has a strong desire to serve our country and I am confident the USAFA Prep School will prepare him for the Air Force Academy and for his future service as an officer in the Air Force." ***(PR)***

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Guam Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo presents a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition to Jonah Whitt, nominating him to the U.S. Air Force Academy. He is joined by his parents, Caesar and Andrea Whitt, and brother Gavin.

Scott Min appointed to Air Force Academy

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Guam Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo has announced that Scott Min has been appointed to the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs.

Min is the son of Thomas and Won Sun Min of Dededo and will graduate from Father Duenas Memorial School in May 2014. He was nominated by Bordallo, and competed with nominees nationwide for admission into the Air Force Academy.

Min has maintained 4.0 grade point average and is ranked number one in his class of 120 students. Additionally, he is the cadet commander of the Phoenix Company Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps and a member of several academic and extra-curricular organizations. Min is also the vice president of the National History Club, historian of the Spanish Club, secretary of the Academic Challenge Bowl Team, and a member of the Track and Field Team.

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Guam Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo presents a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition to Scott Min nominating him to the U.S. Air Force Academy. He's joined by his parents, Thomas and Won Sun Min.

"Scott Min's appointment to the U.S. Air Force Academy is a testament to his hard work as a student and member of NJROTC at Father Duenas Memorial School," said Bordallo. "I congratulate Scott on his appointment to the Air Force Academy and look forward to him being commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Air Force." ***(PR)***

Business

Yellen signals more aggressive stance toward banks

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Federal Reserve may be about to turn more aggressive in its regulation of the financial system.

Fed Chair Janet Yellen suggested Tuesday that current regulatory rules might not be enough to prevent the kind of risk-taking that triggered the 2008 financial crisis and nearly toppled the entire banking system.

She said the largest U.S. banks may need to hold additional capital to withstand periods of financial stress. Non-banks with deep reaches into the financial system might also need to meet tougher rules, she said. Such firms range from money market mutual funds to private equity and hedge funds.

Yellen told a banking conference in Atlanta that current rules on how much capital banks must hold to protect against losses don't address all threats. The Fed's staff is considering what further measures might be needed, she said.

At the same time, Yellen said the Fed would review the likely effects of imposing stricter rules on banks. Banks and their advocates have warned that further tightening bank regulation would lead to reduced lending to businesses and financial institutions and could slow economic growth.

Analysts said Yellen's message echoed remarks that Daniel Tarullo, a Fed governor and the board's point person on bank regulatory issues, has made in the past. They said it could be a sign that the Fed under Yellen will take a more assertive stance toward bank regulation.

In her speech, Yellen said further actions to address risks, such as requiring firms to hold more capital, would likely apply only to the largest, most complex banks. But she suggested that other requirements could be applied more broadly to medium-size banks and non-bank financial institutions.

Karen Shaw Petrou, an analyst who heads Federal Financial Analytics in Washington, said Yellen also appeared to be signaling a desire to ensure that in tightening rules for big banks, regulators don't just drive risky behavior into less regulated areas of the financial system. These areas are often called the shadow banking system.

"The threat is if all you do is regulate the big banks, the risk will move to the non-banks," Petrou said. "Yellen is signaling that the Fed will seek to address that problem."

Bert Ely, an independent banking consultant in Alexandria, Va., said Yellen was indicating that the Fed plans to address the risk that parts of the financial system will exploit gaps in the rules.

GM to ask bankruptcy court for lawsuit protection

DETROIT (AP)—General Motors revealed in court filings late Tuesday that it will soon ask a federal bankruptcy judge to shield the company from legal claims for conduct that occurred before its 2009 bankruptcy.

The automaker's strategy is in a motion filed in a Corpus Christi, Texas, federal court case, and in other cases across the nation that involve the defective ignition switches that have led GM to recall 2.6 million small cars.

The motion asks U.S. District Judge Nelva Gonzales Ramos to delay action on the lawsuit until the bankruptcy court rules and other federal courts decide if the case should be combined with other lawsuits. But GM says it's not asking to halt action on a motion to force GM to tell customers not to drive their cars that are being recalled.

GM has said at least 13 deaths have been linked to the switch problem. The switch can unexpectedly slip out of the "run" position, shutting down the engine, knocking out power-assisted steering and power brakes, and disabling the air bags. GM admits knowing about the problem for at least a decade, but it didn't start recalling the cars, including Chevrolet Cobalts and Saturn Ions, until February.

The company's motion says GM will ask the bankruptcy court in New York to enforce an order made during the 2009 bankruptcy case that split GM into a new company and an old company. Claims from before the bankruptcy would go to "Old GM," called Motors Liquidation Co., while claims after the bankruptcy would go to the new General Motors Co.

"Just like the other `ignition switch actions' that other plaintiffs have filed in the wake of public reports regarding the outstanding recall, this case relates to a vehicle designed, manufactured, originally sold and advertised by Old GM," the company's motion says.

GM's motion says more than 30 cases have been filed against the company since February.

With the motion, GM is trying to limit its legal liability in the cases while at the same time it considers compensation for families of crash victims. GM has hired Kenneth Feinberg—who handled the fund for the victims of 9/11, the Boston Marathon bombing and the BP oil spill—to explore ways to compensate victims. No decision has been made.

Attorney Robert Hilliard filed the Texas lawsuit on behalf of Charles and Grace Silvas. It claims they are stuck with a defective 2006 Chevrolet Cobalt and seeks repairs, compensation for loss of value and alternative transportation.

Delta introduces sleep kits for int'l Economy customers

GUAM—Delta Air Lines introduced new sleep kits and several updated amenities for passengers seated in the Economy cabin on long-haul international flights, including Trans Pacific routes connecting Japan, China, Korea, Australia and mainland U.S., as well as Japan to Hawaii, Narita to Singapore, and Narita to Bangkok.

Starting from April, sleep kits are offered to each customer by flight attendants. The kits include individual eyeshades plus earplugs to help customers rest better when traveling between continents.

In addition, customers in the Economy cabin will receive a full-size bottle of water following the meal service. The water bottle service has already started on ultra long-haul routes over 12 hours in flight time, and will be available on all long-haul Asia Pacific routes by the summer.

This summer, customers flying in domestic First Class as well as the Economy cabin

»Airline adds other new amenities

on domestic and international flights will be offered newly upgraded earbuds that will be theirs to keep for use with Delta's seatback entertainment systems. Delta is the only U.S. carrier to offer personal on demand entertainment at every seat on all long haul international flights.

"Delta continues to focus on making travel better by introducing amenities that our customers find both helpful and comforting when they travel," said Joanne Smith, Delta's senior vice president—In-flight Service. "Adding new items in Economy on international flights improves the quality of the product and helps our customers arrive at their destination rested, entertained and refreshed."

Delta also unveiled its redesigned version of *SKY magazine*—the most read in-flight magazine in the world—that celebrates people and travel with the April 2014 issue. SKY is available onboard more than 5,000 daily Delta flights. The new SKY will be a leading premium travel magazine focused primarily on business travel and aligned to the interests of Delta's customers.

Yesterday's announcement builds on Delta's industry leadership by investing billions of dollars in the customer experience including installation of full flat-bed seats on Delta's widebody international aircraft that will be complete by summer 2014, new amenity kits which were introduced for BusinessElite customers in 2013, updated interiors with more baggage space and access to power throughout 225 domestic narrowbody aircraft through 2016, a new Terminal 4 at New York-JFK, and the new Maynard H. Jackson Jr. International Terminal in Atlanta.

Nation

Supremacist faces murder charges in Kansas deaths

AP

Frazier Glenn Cross, also known as Frazier Glenn Miller, appears at his arraignment in New Century, Kan., Tuesday, April 15, 2014.

OVERLAND PARK, Kan. (AP)—A white supremacist charged in shootings that left three people dead at two Jewish community sites in suburban Kansas City was brought into a video conference room in a wheelchair Tuesday to make his first court appearance.

Wearing a dark, sleeveless anti-suicide smock, Frazier Glenn Cross stood under his own power to face the camera, crossing his arms and speaking only when answering routine questions from the judge in a Johnson County courtroom several miles away. He requested a court-appointed lawyer.

A Johnson County Sheriff's Office spokesman declined to say Tuesday why Cross was in a wheelchair. Prosecutors declined to answer questions about Cross' health Monday.

The 73-year-old is being held on $10 million bond and his next court appearance is scheduled for April 24.

Physician William Lewis Corporon, 69, and his 14-year-old grandson, Reat Griffin Underwood, were shot and killed outside of the Jewish Community Center of Greater Kansas City. Both were Methodist. Moments later, Terri LaManno, a 53-year-old Catholic occupational therapist and mother of two, was gunned down outside Village Shalom, a Jewish retirement complex where she was visiting her mother.

Johnson County District Attorney Steve Howe said specific details about actions that led to the charges against Cross are contained in an affidavit, which under Kansas law is not considered public information. The criminal complaint released Tuesday describes the charges and includes a list of witnesses, but nothing else.

Many questions about mom accused in infant deaths

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—Investigators are reconstructing a mysterious decade from Megan Huntsman's life as they try to figure out how she concealed seven pregnancies before allegedly strangling or suffocating her newborns.

Utah investigators are examining DNA from the babies to determine who the parents are, studying the bones to find out how long ago the babies died and interrogating family members and talking to neighbors in pursuit of clues about how she did it. They are trying to determine why she did it and who else, if anybody, knew about it or was involved. During the timeline she's given, she lived in the house with her now estranged husband and their three daughters.

Huntsman, 39, acknowledged to police that she killed six of the babies, put them in plastic bags and then packed them inside boxes in the garage of her home south of Salt Lake City over a decade from 1996 to 2006. She told police one of the babies was stillborn.

Huntsman, who was arrested Sunday on six counts of murder, was ordered held on $6 million bail—$1 million for each baby. She is due in court Monday for an arraignment.

Investigators are done with initial interviews of family, friends and neighbors and are digging into evidence, Pleasant Grove Police Capt. Mike Roberts said. They haven't ruled doing more interviews or making more arrests.

"It is a slow, meticulous process," Roberts said.

Boston police safely blow up suspicious backpacks

BOSTON (AP)—Survivors, first responders and relatives of those killed in the Boston Marathon bombing marked the anniversary Tuesday with tributes that combined sorrow over the loss of innocent victims with pride over the city's resilience in the face of a terror attack.

"This day will always be hard, but this place will always be strong," former Mayor Thomas Menino told an invitation-only audience of about 2,500 people at the Hynes Convention Center, not far from the finish line, where two pressure cooker bombs hidden in backpacks killed three people and injured more than 260 others a year ago.

Vice President Joe Biden, who attended the ceremony, said the courage shown by survivors and those who lost loved ones is an inspiration for other Americans dealing with loss and tragedy.

"You have become the face of America's resolve," he said.

Biden also praised the 36,000 runners who plan to run the marathon next week, saying they will send a message to terrorists.

"America will never, ever, ever stand down," he said, to loud applause. He added, "We own the finish line."

In the evening, after the tributes were over and most people had left, a man behaving suspiciously near the finish line dropped a backpack containing a rice cooker, police said. The man, who walked barefoot in a street in pouring rain, was taken into custody and was being charged with possession of a hoax device and disturbing the peace, Police Superintendent Randall Halstead said.

The backpack was blown up by the bomb squad as a precaution as was a second unattended backpack found nearby, police said, and no injuries were reported. Halstead didn't release the identity of the man in custody and wouldn't say what was in the second backpack or who owned it.

Asia

2 dead after ferry sinks off South Korean coast

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—Dozens of boats, helicopters and divers scrambled Wednesday to rescue more than 470 people, including 325 high school students on a school trip, after a ferry sank off South Korea's southern coast, killing at least two and injuring 14, officials said.

The ferry with 476 people aboard was sailing to the southern island of Jeju when it sent a distress call Wednesday morning after it began leaning to one side, according to the Ministry of Security and Public Administration. The government said about 95 percent of the ship was submerged.

Two coast guard officers said that a 27-year-old woman named Park Ji-yeong and another unidentified person had died. One of the officers—both of whom spoke on condition of anonymity citing department rules—said 180 passengers had been rescued so far, but gave no further details, including what caused the ferry to sink or the conditions of the other passengers.

A student, Lim Hyung-min, told broadcaster YTN from a gym on a nearby island that he jumped into the ocean wearing a life jacket with other students and then swam to a nearby rescue boat.

AP

South Korean rescue helicopters fly over a South Korean passenger ship, trying to rescue passengers from the ship in water off the southern coast in South Korea, Wednesday, April 16, 2014.

"As the ferry was shaking and tilting, we all tripped and bumped into each another," Lim said, adding that some people were bleeding. Once he jumped, the ocean "was so cold. ... I was hurrying, thinking that I wanted to live."

Local media ran photos showing the partially submerged ferry tilting dramatically as helicopters flew overhead and rescue vessels and a small boat covered with an orange tarp over it floated nearby.

Passenger Kim Seong-mok, speaking from a nearby island after his rescue, told YTN that he was "certain" people were trapped inside the ship as water quickly filled up inside and the severe tilt of the ferry kept them from reaching the exits. Some people yelled at those who couldn't get out, urging them to break windows.

Kim said that after having breakfast he felt the ferry tilt and then heard it crash into something. He said the ferry operator made an announcement asking that passengers wait and not move from their places. Kim said he didn't hear any announcement telling passengers to escape.

Robot sub returns to water after 1st try cut short

PERTH, Australia (AP)—A robotic submarine looking for the lost Malaysian jet continued its second seabed search on Wednesday as up to 14 planes were to take to the skies for some of the final sweeps of the Indian Ocean for floating debris from the ill-fated airliner.

The U.S. Navy's Bluefin 21 submarine began its second 20-hour underwater mission on Tuesday after cutting short its first because the ocean waters where it was sent were too deep, officials said.

The unmanned sub is programmed to hover 30 meters (100 feet) above the seabed, but it started searching atop a patch that was deeper than the sub's maximum operating depth of 4,500 meters (15,000 feet), the search coordination center and the U.S. Navy said.

A built-in safety feature returned the Bluefin to the surface and it was not damaged, they said.

The data collected by the sub was later analyzed and no sign of the missing plane was found, the U.S. Navy said.

Crews shifted the search zone away from the deepest water before sending the Bluefin back for Tuesday's mission, the U.S. Navy said.

The search coordination center said 11 military planes and three civilian planes would search a 55,000-square-kilometer (21,000-square-mile) expanse of ocean on Wednesday centered 2,000 kilometers (1,300 miles) northwest of the Australian west coast city of Perth. Eleven ships would also join the search.

Isolated showers were forecast in the search area with sea swells up to 2 meters (6 feet, 7 inches) and visibility of five kilometers (3 miles), the center said.

With no wreckage from the Boeing 777 yet found, authorities said this week that the days of the surface search were numbered as the hunt for the remains of Flight 370 moved under the waves.

Search authorities had known the primary search area for Flight 370 was near the limit of the Bluefin's dive capabilities. Deeper-diving submersibles have been evaluated, but none is yet available to help.

ASIAN BRIEFS

5 dead, 15 injured in PH bus accident

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—At least five people including a 2-year-old boy were killed and 15 others were injured Wednesday when a passenger bus rammed a stalled truck along the highway in eastern Philippines' Camarines Sur province at the start of the Easter week exodus of vacationers to provinces, police said. Police Supt. Vicente Marfori said the driver of the bus from Manila is under investigation at the police station of Libmanan town, where the accident happened. The whole right side of the bus was dislodged by the collision. Marfori said the driver of the truck was in shock in a hospital.

Pakistan brothers in cannibalism case face court

KHAWAR KALAN, Pakistan (AP)—Two brothers arrested for the second time over accusations of cannibalism appeared in court Tuesday, police officials said, in a sensational case that has horrified Pakistanis. A judge in an anti-terrorism court in Sargodha district ordered the men detained for a week pending an initial investigation, police officer Zafar Iqbal said. They were arrested on Monday on suspicion of eating bodies they had dug up in a nearby graveyard. Police also recovered a pan they believe was used to cook the body parts, said officer Waseem Abass. Police raided the brothers' house in central Pakistan after neighbors complained of a horrible stench. Some neighbors also grew suspicious after seeing one of the men in the graveyard, police said.

World

Ukraine bares teeth against eastern uprising

KRAMATORSK, Ukraine (AP)—In the first Ukrainian military action against a pro-Russian uprising in the east, government forces repelled an attack Tuesday by about 30 gunmen at an airport, beginning what the president called an "anti-terrorist operation" to try to restore authority over the restive region.

The central government has so far been unable to rein in the insurgents, who it says are being stirred up by paid operatives from Russia and have seized numerous government facilities in at least nine eastern cities to press their demands for broader autonomy and closer ties with Russia. Complicating the political landscape, many local security forces have switched to their side.

The clashes Tuesday came at Kramatorsk airport, just south of the city of Slovyansk, which has come under the increasing control of the pro-Russian gunmen who seized it last weekend.

The precise sequence of events was mired in confusion amid contradictory official claims.

The commander of the Ukrainian operation, Gen. Vasyl Krutov, speaking outside Kramatorsk airport, said his men managed to thwart an attack by fighters in green military uniforms without insignia who tried to storm the facility in the late afternoon. An Associated Press reporter and camera crew heard rounds of gunfire at the time.

After the armed standoff, hundreds of local people surrounded the airport in response to rumors that government troops were planning to launch a military operation on the city of Kramatorsk itself. Some in the crowd attempted to enter the military facility, prompting Ukrainian troops to fire bursts of warning shots.

In an attempt to defuse the situation, Gen. Krutov came out to speak to the angry protesters but was attacked by them. After a tussle in which his hat was knocked to the ground, he managed to take refuge in the airport.

There were conflicting reports of casualties.

Yury Zhadobin, coordinator of a pro-Russian defense force, said two people were slightly injured and were taken to a hospital. Russian media, without sourcing, claimed anywhere from four to 11 casualties at the airport. Ukraine's government said there were no casualties, adding that Ukrainian forces took an unspecified number of militiamen prisoner.

Violence surges from Islamic uprising in Nigeria

LAGOS, Nigeria (AP)—Suspected Muslim extremists kidnapped about 100 girls Tuesday from a school in northeastern Nigeria, less than a day after militants bombed a bus station and killed 75 people in the capital—a surge of violence that raised new doubts about the military's ability to contain an Islamic uprising.

With an 11-month-old state of emergency in three northeastern states failing to bring relief, the attacks are increasing calls for President Goodluck Jonathan to rethink his strategy in confronting the biggest threat to the security of Africa's most populous nation.

The attacks by the Boko Haram terrorist network have killed more than 1,500 people in this year alone, compared with an estimated 3,600 dead between 2010 and 2014.

In the latest attack, gunmen killed a soldier and a police officer guarding a school in Chibok on the edge of the Sambisa Forest and abducted the teenage girls after midnight, according to authorities.

Some of the girls escaped by jumping off the open truck as it was moving slowly along a road, according to an official who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk to reporters.

Islamic extremists have been abducting girls to use as cooks and sex slaves.

All schools in Borno state were closed three weeks ago because of stepped-up attacks that have killed hundreds of students in the past year. But the young women—aged between 16 and 18—were recalled to take their final exams, a local government official said.

Boko Haram, whose name means "Western education is forbidden," has targeted schools, mosques, churches, villages and agricultural centers in assaults that are increasingly indiscriminate. The insurgents have also made daring raids on military barracks and bases.

Security Council sees grim images of Syrian dead

UNITED NATIONS (AP)—The U.N. Security Council fell silent Tuesday after ambassadors viewed a series of ghastly photographs of dead Syrian civil war victims, France's ambassador said. The pictures showed people who were emaciated, with their bones protruding, and some bearing the marks of strangulation and repeated beatings, and eyes having been gouged out.

French Ambassador Gerard Araud said the pall of silence lingered, and then questions slowly began about the credibility of the slides of the dead, who offer mute testimony to the savagery of a Syrian civil war in which more than 150,000 have died.

The council members saw more than the 10 photos publicly released in January on the eve of the "Geneva 2" peace talks as part of a forensic investigation funded by the government of Qatar—a major backer of the opposition and one of the nations most deeply involved in the Syrian conflict. France, which hosted the presentation at the Security Council and showed the images afterward at a news conference, said they are evidence of war crimes by the government of Syrian President Bashar Assad.

The veracity of the photos could not be independently confirmed. Syria's Justice Ministry has dismissed the photos and accompanying report as "lacking objectiveness and professionalism" and said some of the people were militants killed in battle and others were killed by militant groups.

Among the new photos was an image of at least a dozen bodies laid out on the floor of a warehouse, in the process of being wrapped in plastic sheets, with men in military garb standing among them. One of the authors of the report, former Sierra Leone Special Court prosecutor David M. Crane, said it was firm evidence of "industrialized systematic killing."

"Bodies in, bodies out. It was a very systematic processing of human beings. They were laid out in a parking lot because there were too many to put into the morgue," Crane said,«

"Doesn't this bring back some interesting images from Dachau, and Auschwitz, and Bergen-Belsen?" Crane observed, sitting in front of the grisly procession of photos projected behind him in a U.N. news conference.

"The gruesome images of corpses bearing marks of starvation, strangulation and beatings and today's chilling briefing indicate that the Assad regime has carried out systematic, widespread and industrial killing. Nobody who sees these images will ever be the same," U.S. Ambassador Samantha Power said.

Environment

Happy Earth Month from EPA!

April 22 is Earth Day, but we're celebrating all month, sharing a new tip each day to help you act on climate change.

Below, we've listed many ways you can take action yourself and spread the word to your friends and family. Try one or many, but either way, let's all #ActOnClimate!

■ Help us get the message out

Please help us share a message at noon on Earth Day, along with the link to a page full of things everyone can do to act on climate. We're using a new system called Thunderclap to coordinate, so a message will go out from everyone at noon on Earth Day. Here's the catch: we need 500 people to sign up or the message won't go.

The message is: "For Earth Day, I commit to protect the climate. Take small actions that add up! #ActOnClimate http://epa.gov/climatechange/wycd/"

We need your help, both to send the message and to invite your friends to send it, too. Join the effort at https://www.thunderclap.it/projects/10319-on-earth-day-actonclimate, or if you want more information about how it works, see our blog post: http://blog.epa.gov/blog/2014/04/we-need-your-help-to-protect-the-planet

■ Share daily tips through our website and social media

We've created 30 daily tips to act on climate, and we'll post one each day. Help us get them out there:

● Check out all of the tips at http://epa.gov/earthday/acton-climate/ and hit the share buttons below today's tip. You can also sign up to get one via email every day in April.

● Follow us as we post each daily tip and retweet/share:

-Blog posts: http://blog.epa.gov/blog/category/earthmonthtips

-Twitter: http://twitter.com/epa

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-Flickr: http://www.flickr.com/photos/usepagov

-Instagram: http://www.instagram.com/epagov

-Pinterest: http://www.pinterest.com/epagov/act-on-climate

■ Join a Twitter chat about climate issues

We're going to have EPA experts available to discuss various climate issues on our @EPAlive account every Tuesday in April:

● April 22, 2:00pm EDT - EPA Research and Climate: What does the research show about climate change and what we can do about it.

● April 29, 2:00pm EDT - Why is climate action important for our water?

How can you join the conversation? Just follow @EPAlive and the #ActOnClimate hashtag on Twitter. Ask us a question or share your ideas, or just read along with the conversation. In addition to using Twitter, we'll publish a blog post for each chat, and you can ask your questions or send your thoughts as comments on the post. Here's the first one: http://blog.epa.gov/blog/2014/04/lets-chat-about-how-to-act-on-climate/

We look forward to working with you to #ActOnClimate! ***(EPA)***

Killing of environmental activists rises

AP

In this file photo taken, Feb. 6, 2012, and released by The Cambodian Center for Human Rights (CCHR), Cambodian environmental activist Chut Wutty, left, stands next to a log in a jungle in Kampong Thom province north of Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Wutty, who fought against massive illegal deforestation, was shot by a military policeman in April 2012 as he probed logging operations in one of the country's last great forests.

BANGKOK (AP)—As head of his village, Prajob Naowa-opas battled to save his community in central Thailand from the illegal dumping of toxic waste by filing petitions and leading villagers to block trucks carrying the stuff—until a gunman in broad daylight fired four shots into him.

A year later, his three alleged killers, including a senior government official, are on trial for murder. The dumping has been halted and villagers are erecting a statue to their slain hero.

But the prosecution of Prajob's murder is a rare exception. A survey released Tuesday—the first comprehensive one of its kind - says that only 10 killers of 908 environmental activists slain around the world over the past decade have been convicted.

The report by the London-based Global Witness, a group that seeks to shed light on the links between environmental exploitation and human rights abuses, says murders of those protecting land rights and the environment have soared dramatically. It noted that its toll of victims in 35 countries is probably far higher since field investigations in a number of African and Asian nations are difficult or impossible.

"Many of those facing threats are ordinary people opposing land grabs, mining operations and the industrial timber trade, often forced from their homes and severely threatened by environmental devastation," the report said. Others have been killed over hydro-electric dams, pollution and wildlife conservation.

The rising deaths, along with non-lethal violence, are attributed to intensifying competition for shrinking resources in a global economy and abetted by authorities and security forces in some countries connected to powerful individuals, companies and others behind the killings.

Three times as many people died in 2012 than the 10 years previously, with the death rate rising in the past four years to an average of two activists a week, according to the non-governmental group. Deaths in 2013 are likely to be higher than the 95 documented to date.

The victims have ranged from 70-year-old farmer Jesus Sebastian Ortiz, one of several people in the Mexican town of Cheran killed in 2012 while opposing illegal logging, to the machine-gunning by Philippine armed forces of indigenous anti-mining activist Juvy Capion and her two sons the same year.

Brig. Gen. Domingo Tutaan Jr., who heads the Philippine military's human rights office, told the Associated Press that a military investigation showed the three died in crossfire as troops clashed with suspected outlaws.

Trust in the LORD with all your heart
and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways acknowledge HIM,
and HE shall direct your paths.
— Proverbs 3:5-6
Joycelyn Rose
San Nicolas Cave Palacios
Of San Antonio, Saipan was called to her New Life
by our Heavenly Father at the age of 67
December 20, 1946 - April 05, 2014
Pre-Deceased:
Spouse: †Congressman Herman Tudela Palacios
Father: †Clifford William Cave
Mother: †Rosario Delgado San Nicolas Cave
Father-in-law: †Joaquin Muna Palacios
Mother-in-law: †Francisca Camacho Tudela Palacios
Grand Daughter: †Judy Ann Aldan Palacios
Sister: †Betty Ann S.N. Cave
Sister: †Arlene Castillo
Brother-in-law: †Blane Martinez
Brother-in-law: †Augustine Tudela Palacios
Sister-in-law: †Rosario Tudela Palacios
Brother-in-law: †Manuel Tudela Palacios
Sister-in-law: †Maria A. Muna
Brother-in-law: †Esteban I. Pangelinan
Survived by:
Children & Spouse:
Katrina Marie & Hillary C. Tagabuel
• Hilarie Lashae (Favian), Larry Marc (Destiny Denise, Danielle Coleen, Daesha Maria), Shelmalyne (Kristan Jacob & Kurtis Lance, Darnell Larroh), Leina Marie (Tony Diamante IV)
Troy Murphey & Antonette Aldan
• Dwayne Jonathan, Krystine Jayleen(Aluna, Isabella)
• Christy Joy, Alicia Janine
• Justin Troy
Judd Donahue "Jason" & Nancy Takahashi
• Noah Triston
Betty Ann & John (J.J.) Cabrera
• Alexis Shawnee, Aysha Shania
Douglas McGarette & Terese Ulloa
• Chelsea (Chance Kae'Ani), Sina Ha'ani, Tiara, Ezekiel
Siblings & Spouses:
June/Rip Respicio & Family
Jennylou C. Martinez & Family
Judy C. & Clifford Castillo, Family
Danny/Chris Cave & Family
David Cave & Family
Timothy/Lina Cave & Family
Lawrence/Valarie Cave
Sandra C. & Paul Dosey, Family
Leonard Cave & Kid
In-laws & Spouses:
Esperanza U. Palacios & Family
Daniel T. Palacios & Family
Susan P. /John I. Schwarz & Family
Connie P. Pangelinan & Family
As well as numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.
Funeral arrangements of our beloved †Joyceln Rose Cave Palacios will be April 19, 2014 Grace Christian Assembly in Navy Hill, viewing from 09:00 am to 11:00 am and Memorial Services will begin at 11:00am. Christian burial will be on Monday, April 21, 2014 Chalan Kanoa Cemetery at 4:30 pm.
"Jesus is the Same Yesterday, Today and Forever"
Your thoughts and prayers are deeply appreciated by her children and families.

Life & Style

Pfister, Depp reunite for sci-fi 'Transcendence'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—For more than a decade, cinematographer Wally Pfister brought director Christopher Nolan's cinematic visions to life. Now, he's the one calling the shots.

His directorial debut, the new sci-fi mystery "Transcendence," has many elements of a Nolan blockbuster—eye-popping visual effects, a mind-bending story and an A-list lead in Johnny Depp. All of those things translate into high expectations for Pfister, who jokingly likens his newly christened director's seat to an "electric chair."

In the film releasing Friday, the mind of Depp's terminally ill scientist, Will Caster, is uploaded into a computer after his death, spawning an eerily unruly machine. At the heart of the story is the disrupted relationship of Will and his wife, Evelyn, played by Rebecca Hall.

"Transcendence," which was executive-produced by Nolan and written by first-time screenwriter Jack Paglen, hooked Pfister because of the emotional weight put on the study of husband and wife and the increasing reliance on technology. "We start to wonder where it's all going to go," he says.

"We are dependent on technology. It's got us," affirmed Depp in a recent joint interview to promote the film.

Depp, 50, first met Pfister, 52, when they worked on Paul McCartney's 2012 video for his romantic ballad "My Valentine," in which Depp and Natalie Portman starred and Pfister was the director of photography.

"I was immediately intrigued and curious from (the) initial reading," says Depp of "Transcendence."

"So many things come into my mind as far as the dangers of technology. Say I'm suddenly holding a gun," Depp illustrates, lifting his left hand as his formidable engagement ring with Amber Heard sparkles. "The gun is not inherently bad. It's a tool. It's what we do with it. I think it's the same with technology."

For his first directing gig, Pfister, who's worked on everything from "Memento" to "The Dark Knight Rises," swayed from doing a big action film.

"I'd done a lot as a cinematographer," he says. "What was important was telling some sort of character-driven story. Exploring human emotion. That is the logical reason to jump from visual storytelling to narrative."

AP

This Saturday, April 5, 2014 photo shows actor Johnny Depp, right, and director Walter Pfister during the "Transcendence" film press junket at the Four Seasons Hotel, in Los Angeles.

Nolan will also release a thought-provoking sci-fi film this year: the time travel-focused "Interstellar," out in November. But Pfister assures he's not in competition with his long-time collaborator. "Chris is an old friend," he says. "He has been incredibly supportive of my move into this."

The two filmmakers even shared crew members, including folks in the makeup, special effects, equipment, casting and editorial departments. But while "Transcendence" was shooting, Nolan remained hands-off.

"Chris never came to the set," says camera operator Scott Sakamoto, who worked on both movies. "I think Chris let Wally take the reins and go with it to see how well he would do."

Although "Transcendence" marks the start of a new phase in Pfister's career, he tackled the job with the ease of a veteran.

"He's (an) experienced filmmaker," says Depp. "But there are times when you look at a situation with a first-time director and you don't know. But never was there a stumble."

Depp's Will in the film is sharp, warm and ambitious. But he ventures into dangerous territory when his mind is uploaded into an operating system that's connected to the Internet. Soon, powerful and often-abusive capabilities verge on catastrophic results.

"You have to be wondering, `Is this simply a soulless machine?'" says Pfister. "If you upload a mind into a computer, does it contain sentience and if so, does that affect the decision-making process of the machine? Inherently with Johnny, you want to know that he's still alive. We love Johnny. The character of Will Caster doesn't work without having a powerful, emotional person behind it. We needed somebody that you could fall for."

Depp was sold on the role after learning Pfister was directing. "We had connected and I knew the umpteen amount of hours of set time the man has had," he says, adding that Pfister was passionate and "beyond prepared" when he arrived on set.

Pfister also "created an atmosphere where everyone felt free to say, `What about this?'" adds Depp. "That's a rare beast in today's cinema. It's all about getting it done: the product and the result."

"Johnny contributed dialogue and drove this project as if it were his baby as well," says Pfister. "That is the kind of collaboration I've always wanted and probably the reason I got into directing—to play with other players."

Norway restores, donates 1927 silent film to China

BEIJING (AP)—Norway donated a restored Chinese silent film from the 1920s to China's national film archive on Tuesday, despite a prolonged diplomatic chill between the countries over the 2010 Nobel Peace Prize.

Two representatives of the National Library of Norway presented the film to the China Film Archive and a showing was planned, according to the official China News Service. Calls to the archive rang unanswered.

The library said it in a statement it found a damaged print of the 1927 Shanghai Film Company production "The Cave of the Spider Spirit" in its archives in 1999 during an attempt to identify around 9,000 boxed reels.

The film, based on a chapter of the Chinese classical folktale Journey to the West, was restored and a copy made. The library said the film premiered in Oslo in January 1929 with title cards in both languages.

"The translator took great liberties and put in his own comments in parenthesis when he thought that was appropriate," film archivist Tina Anckarman said in the statement. "There are also sequences in the film where the Chinese text is mistakenly inserted upside down or reversed."

The restoration appears to have kept the original commentary and mistakes. It is unclear how this version of the film ended up in Norway or whether other copies still exist.

According to the 2005 book, "An Amorous History of the Silver Screen: Shanghai Cinema, 1896-1937," by Zhang Zhen, the highly stylized film featured the first scene from with an underwater camera to appear in a Chinese production.

Anckarman made the trip to Beijing along with National Librarian Roger Joesevold. The film exchange marks a rare point of official contact between the sides.

Beijing froze most contacts after a committee appointed by the Norwegian parliament awarded the 2010 Nobel Peace Prize to imprisoned Chinese dissident Liu Xiaobo, deeply embarrassing China's leaders.

Diplomatic ties have been gutted, meetings canceled and economic ties hamstrung by an unofficial partial embargo on Norwegian salmon and a freeze on trade talks.

The snit shows the lengths Beijing will go to punish other nations for offenses or perceived slights. Beijing hasn't said what it wants Norway to do to heal the rift.

While the Nobel is awarded in Oslo by the parliament-appointed committee, the Norwegian government has no direct say in who gets it. At the time of the award, Beijing bitterly accused Norway of insulting China by interfering in its internal affairs and glorifying a criminal.

CHART TOPPERS

The top 10 songs and albums on the iTunes Store for the week ending April 14, 2014:

TOP SONGS

1. **Happy** (From "Despicable Me 2"), Pharrell Williams
2. **All of Me**, John Legend
3. **Talk Dirty (feat. 2 Chainz)**, Jason Derulo
4. **Let It Go**, Idina Menzel
5. **Sing**, Ed Sheeran
6. **Play It Again**, Luke Bryan
7. **Dark Horse (feat. Juicy J)**, Katy Perry
8. **Turn Down For What**, DJ Snake, Lil Jon
9. **The Man**, Aloe Blacc
10. **This Is How We Roll (feat. Luk...,** Florida Georgia Line

TOP ALBUMS

1. **Frozen,** Various Artists
2. **SoMo**, SoMo
3. **x (Deluxe Edition)**, Ed Sheeran
4. **G I R L**, Pharrell Williams
5. **She Looks So Perfect - EP**, 5 Seconds of Summer
6. **Pure Heroine**, Lorde
7. **Crash My Party**, Luke Bryan
8. **Z**, Sza
9. **BEYONCÉ,** Beyoncé
10. **Slow Dancing - EP**, Betty Who

The top iPhone and iPad apps on App Store for the week ending April 14, 2014:

TOP FREE IPHONE APPS:

1. **2048** - The Game, Ketchapp
2. **Flappy Smash** - The End of a Ti..., Makeover Mania Story Games
3. **Don't step the white tile**, Ayumu Kinoshita
4. **What's the Difference?** (tilde) spot ..., Candywriter, LLC
5. **Trials Frontier,** Ubisoft
6. **Family Guy: The Quest for Stuff**, TinyCo, Inc.
7. **LockScreen Buddy for iOS7 - Pi...,** theM Dev
8. **Facebook Messenger**, Facebook, Inc.
9. **Snapchat**, Snapchat, Inc.
10. **Instagram**, Instagram, Inc.

TOP PAID IPHONE APPS:

1. **A Dark Room**, Amirali Rajan
2. **Monument Valley**, ustwo
3. **R.B.I. Baseball 14**, MLB.com
4. **Sleep Cycle alarm clock**, Northcube AB
5. **Minecraft** - Pocket Edition, Mojang
6. **Heads Up!**, Warner Bros.
7. **Facetune**, Lightricks Ltd.
8. **Afterlight,** Simon Filip
9. **Plague Inc.**, Ndemic Creations
10. **SkinneePix**, PrettySmartWomen LLC

TOP PAID IPAD APPS:

1. **Minecraft - Pocket Edition**, Mojang
2. **Monument Valley**, ustwo
3. **R.B.I. Baseball 14**, MLB.com
4. **FTL: Faster Than Light**, Subset Games
5. **Wallykazam! Letter and Word Ma...,** Nickelodeon
6. **Doc McStuffins Paint and Play**, Disney
7. **The Walls - Mini Survival Game**, Linal Richmore
8. **Cut the Rope 2**, ZeptoLab UK Limited
9. **Survivalcraft**, Igor Kalicinski
10. **Notability**, Ginger Labs

TOP FREE IPAD APPS:

1. **Microsoft Word for iPad**, Microsoft Corporation
2. **Microsoft Excel for iPad**, Microsoft Corporation
3. **Trials Frontier**, Ubisoft
4. **Microsoft PowerPoint for iPad**, Microsoft Corporation
5. **2048** - The Game, Ketchapp
6. **Family Guy: The Quest for Stuff**, TinyCo, Inc.
7. **Flappy Smash - The End of a Ti...,** Makeover Mania Story Games
8. **Piano Tiles**, HU WEN ZENG
9. **Boom Beach**, Supercell
10. **The Official Masters Tournament,** Augusta National, Inc.

The top 10 books on Apple's iBooks for week ending April 14, 2014:

TOP PAID BOOKS

1. **Insurgent** by Veronica Roth (Katherine Tegen Books)
2. **Divergent** by Veronica Roth (Katherine Tegen Books)
3. **Allegiant** by Veronica Roth (Katherine Tegen Books)
4. **The Fault in Our Stars** by John Green (Penguin Group US)
5. **Flash Boys: A Wall Street Revolt** by Michael Lewis (W. W. Norton & Company)
6. **Heaven is for Real** by Todd Burpo & Lynn Vincent (Thomas Nelson)
7. **NYPD Red 2** by James Patterson & Marshall Karp (Little, Brown and Company)
8. **Carnal Curiosity** by Stuart Woods (Penguin Group US)
9. **Missing You by Harlan Coben** (Penguin Group US)
10. **Smart, Sexy and Secretive by Tammy Falkner** (Night Shift Publishing)
11. **The Divergent Series Complete Collection** by Veronica Roth (Katherine Tegen Books)
12. **The Goldfinch** by Donna Tartt (Little, Brown and Company)
13. **Fixed Trilogy Bundle** by Laurelin Paige (Laurelin Paige)
14. **I've Got You Under My Skin** by Mary Higgins Clark (Simon & Schuster)
15. **The Husband's Secret** by Liane Moriarty (Penguin Group US)
16. **Sycamore Row** by John Grisham (Knopf Doubleday Publishing Group)
17. **Hate Me** by Jillian Dodd (Bandit Publishing)
18. **Keep Quiet** by Lisa Scottoline (St. Martin's Press)
19. **Shadow Spell** by Nora Roberts (Penguin Group US)
20. **Love Life** by Rob Lowe (Simon & Schuster)

Walker's brothers to help finish 'Fast & Furious'

NEW YORK (AP)—Paul Walker's brothers are stepping to help finish filming on "Fast & Furious 7," the film Walker was in the midst of making when he died in November.

Caleb Walker and Cody Walker have been enlisted to complete their brother's action scenes and "fill in small gaps left in production," Universal Pictures said in a statement Tuesday on the film's Facebook page.

"Having them on set has made us feel that Paul is with us too," read the statement.

Production on "Fast & Furious 7" recently resumed after it was suspended following Walker's death.

The 40-year-old Walker died in a car crash on Nov. 30 outside Los Angeles along with his friend Roger Rodas. A police investigation found the Porsche that Rodas was driving was traveling up to 94 mph when it went out of control.

The release of "Fast & Furious 7" was delayed to April 2015 following Walker's death. The film, which is directed by James Wan and also stars Vin Diesel and Tyrese Gibson, has since been adjusted to incorporate the footage shot with Walker and give his character some kind of send-off.

"It will allow the character of Brian O'Conner to live on and let us celebrate Paul in his most defining role," read the statement.

AP

In this April 29, 2011 file photo, actor Paul Walker poses during the photo call of the movie "Fast and Furious 5," in Rome.

Miley Cyrus hospitalized, cancels Kansas City show

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Miley Cyrus is in the hospital and unable to perform her "Bangerz" concert in Kansas City, Mo., as planned.

A spokeswoman for the singer says the 21-year-old canceled her performance Tuesday after she was hospitalized for a severe allergic reaction to antibiotics.

Publicist Meghan Prophet says in a statement that Cyrus is on "medical rest" at her doctors' advice.

Cyrus said on Twitter that she's heartbroken to miss the show. She also posted a photo of herself wearing what appears to be a hospital gown.

Tickets for the concert at Sprint Center are being refunded.

AP

In this Jan. 25, 2014 file photo, Miley Cyrus arrives at the 56th annual GRAMMY awards–salute to industry icons with Clive Davis, in Beverly Hills, Calif.

Colbert to visit future home of CBS' 'Late Show'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Stephen Colbert will be paying a visit to CBS' "Late Show," his future home.

The network said Tuesday that Colbert will be a guest on "Late Show with David Letterman" on April 22.

Last week, the network announced that the host of Comedy Central's "The Colbert Report" will succeed Letterman on "Late Show" next year.

Letterman, who has hosted the late-night program for more than two decades, said earlier this month that he will retire sometime in 2015.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Lohan's mom pleads guilty to drunken driving

HEMPSTEAD, New York (AP)—Lindsay Lohan's mother has pleaded guilty in New York to a misdemeanor charge of driving while intoxicated. Newsday reports Dina Lohan also pleaded guilty to speeding during her court appearance Tuesday on Long Island. The Nassau County prosecutor says Lohan is expected to be sentenced June 3 to a conditional discharge and 100 hours of community service. She will also pay a fine. Police said Lohan was driving 77 mph (124 kph) in a 55 mph (88 kph) zone when she was arrested on Sept. 12 in Oyster Bay. They said her blood alcohol level was more than double the legal limit.

Victoria's Secret announces London fashion show

LONDON (AP)—London is getting a new fashion extravaganza—the Victoria's Secret Show, which will take place for the first time in the British capital this year. Victoria's Secret models Adriana Lima and Candice Swanepoel joined Chief Marketing Officer Ed Razek at the company's London flagship store for the announcement Tuesday. The annual show, known for its unique lingerie and live performances by top entertainers, will be held at Earls Court in the fall and air on CBS at a later date. No specific dates were given. Previous host cities have included New York, Miami and Los Angeles. The event is televised to 192 countries.

'War Horse' musicians lose legal bid

LONDON (AP)—Musicians who performed in the London production of "War Horse" have lost a legal bid to stop the National Theatre from replacing them with a recorded soundtrack. The five performers, laid off last month, asked the High Court for an injunction so they could keep their jobs pending a legal challenge. Judge Ross Cranston refused Tuesday, saying reinstating the musicians would cause "not insignificant practical difficulty" for the company. But he said the five had a strong case to argue for breach of contract. The story of a horse serving during World War I is one of the National Theatre's most successful shows, with productions running in Britain, the United States and Germany. Steven Spielberg directed a film adaptation. The theater says none of the other productions features live musicians.

Finalists announced for best translated books

NEW YORK (AP)—Poetry by the late Chilean author Roberto Bolano and fiction by best-selling Norwegian novelist Karl Ove Knausgaard are among the finalists for the Best Translated Book Awards. Bolano's "The Unknown University," translated by Laura Healy, is a poetry nominee. Bolano is known for such novels as "2666." Knausgaard's "My Struggle: Book Two," translated by Don Bartlett, is nominated for fiction. Winners in each category will be announced April 28. Winning authors and translators each receive $5,000. The prize money is donated by Amazon.com. Other finalists include an anthology of poetry by Russian women and Elana Ferrante's "The Story of a New Name," an Italian novel translated by Ann Goldstein. The nominees were announced Tuesday by Three Percent, a resource for international literature based at the University of Rochester.

Father of four is selfish to put his health at risk

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I am a 34-year-old wife and mother of four. I'm concerned about my husband. He is 44 and drinks at home every evening after work.

I don't mind him having a few cans of beer, but he drinks between six and 12 a day. He refuses to see a doctor for check-ups or when he is sick. I am worried about his health. The drinking could have an impact, and I would like him to have a physical exam to put my mind at ease.

I tell my husband I want him to take care of himself to live longer for our children's sake (our youngest is 4). At times, we argue about it, and I'm tired of fighting over his drinking. His response is, "At least I do it at home and not at the bar."

I think he is being selfish and thinking only of himself. He talks about "pride." How can I get him to cut down on his drinking or see a doctor as needed?

WORRIED WIFE IN GUAM

DEAR WIFE: Your husband is an alcoholic. He may not want to see a doctor because he knows what the doctor will tell him. It is important that you understand you cannot control another person's behavior, and the only person who can "get" your husband to stop drinking or cut down is him.

For your own emotional well-being, I'm advising you to contact Al-Anon. Al-Anon is a fellowship of family members and friends of alcoholics, and it was created to help people just like you. Visit Al-AnonFamilyGroups.org, call 888-4AL-ANON or email wso@al-anon.org. You may also want to contact your department of mental health services for guidance. I can't guarantee that it will help with your husband's illness—because alcoholism is one—but it will help you to cope.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm 13 and in middle school. We have a program called an iPad Pilot Program in which students are given an iPad for a year to use in daily classroom activities. I'm a responsible honor student, yet somehow some scratches appeared on it one day.

My parents are really tight with money. I'm afraid if I tell them, I'll get in trouble. I have some video games I don't play anymore that I can sell to fix the scratches, but if I do, my parents will find out. I guess I don't want them to be upset or think I'm irresponsible. Please tell me what to do.

IN A BIND

DEAR IN A BIND: Some wear and tear on items that are issued to students is to be expected. Stop stalling and tell your parents what happened. They are going to find out eventually, and it is better that they hear it from you.

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DEAR ABBY: I recently moved into a lovely house located not far from a funeral home. From time to time, funeral processions pass by my house.

Is there a way for an outsider to quietly pay respects without making the people in the procession uncomfortable? I feel bad ignoring them and just going about my business. I don't wear hats, or I'd remove it. I'm also not Catholic, so the sign of the cross doesn't seem appropriate. Any ideas?

RESPECTFUL IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR RESPECTFUL: While no gesture is required, if you happen to be outside when a funeral procession passes by, pause from what you're doing and place your right hand over your heart to acknowledge the mourners' grief. I'm sure your thoughtfulness will be appreciated.

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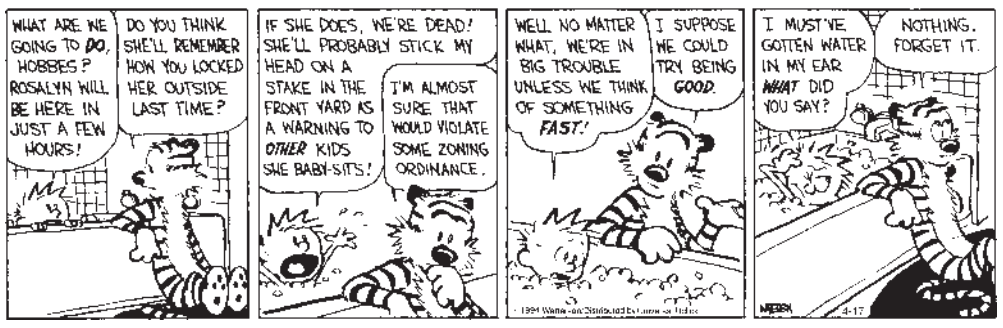
Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson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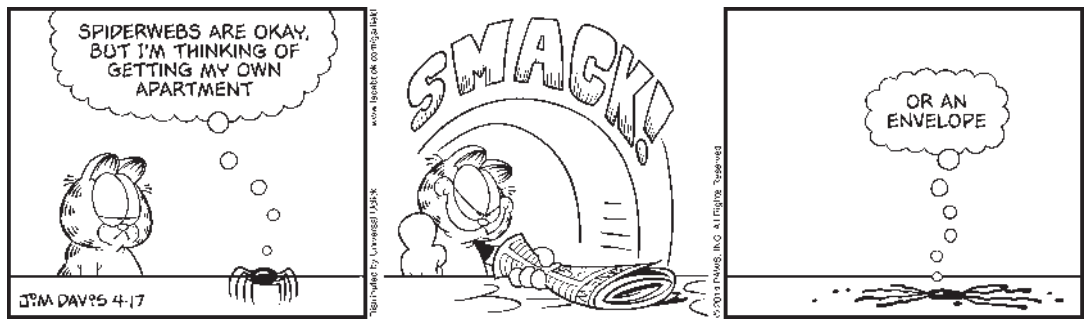
I'M ALMOST SURE THAT WOULD VIOLATE SOME ZONING ORDINANCE.
WELL NO MATTER WHAT, WE'RE IN BIG TROUBLE UNLESS WE THINK OF SOMETHING FAST!
I SUPPOSE WE COULD TRY BEING GOOD.
I MUST'VE GOTTEN WATER IN MY EAR
WHAT DID YOU SAY?
NOTHING. FORGET IT.

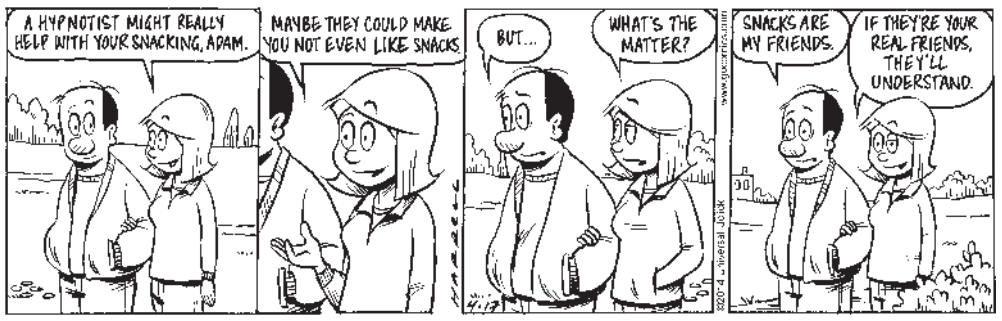
Garfield®

By Jim Davis



Adam@home

By Bryan Basset


A HYPNOTIST MIGHT REALLY HELP WITH YOUR SNACKING, ADAM.
MAYBE THEY COULD MAKE YOU NOT EVEN LIKE SNACKS.
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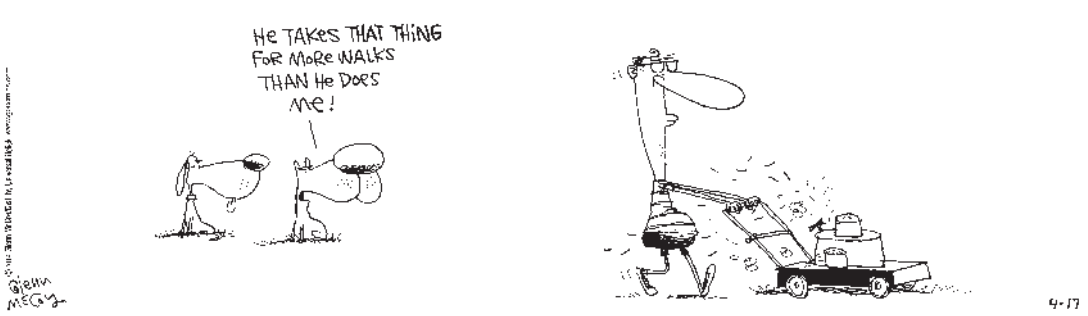
SNACKS ARE MY FRIENDS.
IF THEY'RE YOUR REAL FRIENDS, THEY'LL UNDERSTAND.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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22 Listener
23 Rowing tool
24 Tater
27 World War I soldier
32 Family
33 Possess
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35 Humored
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40 Historic period
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52 Cordelia's father
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2 Granada greeting
3 "Two and a Half Men" role
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7 Mani counterpart
8 Water pipe
9 Go low, on "The Price Is Right"
10 Use a teaspoon
11 Weeding tools
19 Scale member
21 Yuletide quaff
24 Tackle moguls
25 Wrestling victory
26 Dangerous current
28 Have bills
29 Deodorant target
30 Raw rock
31 Longing
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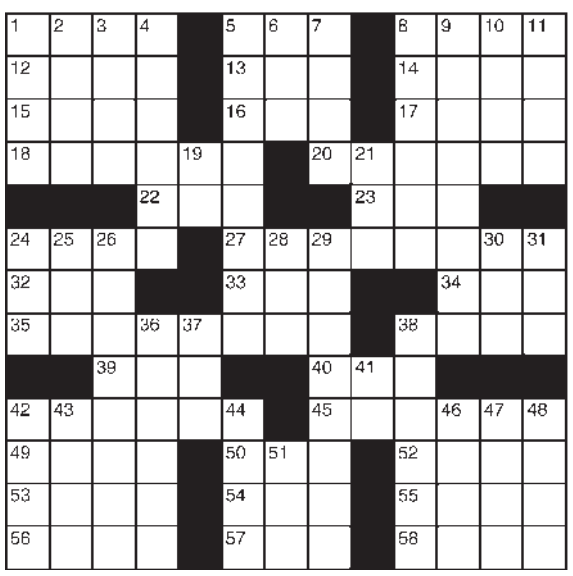

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Fielder ends HR drought, Rangers beat M's 5-0

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)—Prince Fielder and Kevin Kouzmanoff hit back-to-back homers as Robbie Ross limited Seattle to five singles in seven-plus innings as the Texas Rangers beat the Mariners 5-A0 Tuesday.

Fielder ended a 13-game homerless streak to start the season with his new team, hitting a line drive to right-center off former Texas first-round pick Blake Beavan (0-1) leading off the second inning. Two pitches later, Kouzmanoff went deep to left.

Kouzmanoff also had two doubles, the second one driving in two runs to put the Rangers up 4-0 in the eighth. Ross (1-0), a former reliever, got his first win as a starter in his third try as the Rangers recorded their third straight win by shutout and fourth in seven victories overall.

Fielder's homer drought was the second-longest of his career to start the season. He twice went 14 games before his first long ball—in 2008 and 2010.

Athletics 10, Angels 9, 11 innings

In Anaheim, California, Josh Donaldson drove in Jed Lowrie with an 11th-inning double as Oakland overcame Mike Trout's game-leveling homer in the ninth to beat Los Angeles.

Lowrie led off the 11th with a single against Yoslan Herrera (0-1), the Angels' seventh pitcher. Donaldson hit a sharp grounder inside third base for the AL-leading A's, who have won four straight and eight of nine.

Jim Johnson (2-2) pitched two innings for Oakland, getting Howie Kendrick on a groundout with Trout and Albert Pujols in scoring position to end it.

Trout hit a two-run shot in the ninth for the Angels, who have lost three of four.

Both teams erased late three-run deficits during two dismal bullpen performances. The Angels trailed 9-6 in the eighth after leading 6-3 heading to the seventh.

White Sox 2, Red Sox 1

In Chicago, Alexei Ramirez scored the winning run in the ninth inning on a two-out throwing error by Xander Bogaerts as Chicago edged Boston on a frigid night.

With the score tied at 1, Red Sox reliever Burke Badenhop (0-2) allowed a one-out single to Ramirez. After Tyler Flowers stuck out, Chris Capuano walked Adam Eaton. On a 3-2 count, Marcus Semien hit a grounder to Bogaerts, who one-hopped his throw to first baseman Mike Carp.

Carp wasn't able to scoop the throw and Ramirez, already running on the pitch, never stopped while rounding third and scored without a throw.

Daniel Webb (1-0) got one out for the victory.

The temperature at first pitch was 40 degrees. The upper deck was closed because of ice on the ramps.

Adam Dunn homered for the White Sox, who have won four of five. Daniel Nava homered for Boston, which has lost three straight.

Red Sox slugger Mike Napoli left in the ninth after injuring his left ring finger sliding into second base.

Royals 4, Astros 2

In Houston, Yordano Ventura threw seven strong innings for his first major league win to lead Kansas City over Houston.

Omar Infante homered and drove in two runs for the Royals.

Ventura (1-0), an elite prospect with a 100 mph fastball, allowed four hits and one earned run with seven strikeouts in his fifth major league start.

Infante hit a solo shot in the first off Lucas Harrell (0-3) as the Royals found some offense after managing just five runs combined while getting swept last weekend in Minnesota.

Carlos Corporan homered for the Astros.

Blue Jays 9, Twins 3

In Minneapolis, Jose Bautista had three hits and an RBI, and Brett Lawrie hit a grand slam in the ninth inning to help Toronto beat Minnesota.

Edwin Encarnacion had two hits and an RBI, and Aaron Loup (1-0) won in relief of starter Brandon Morrow, who lasted 3 2-3 innings on a 35-degree night at Target Field. The Blue Jays led 5-2 going into the ninth before Lawrie's drive off Jared Burton put it away.

Chris Colabello had three hits and Trevor Plouffe homered for the Twins, who had won three straight. Phil Hughes (0-1) watched an impressive start go to waste in Toronto's five-run sixth.

AP

Texas Rangers Prince Fielder is congratulated after his solo home run during the second inning of the MLB American League baseball game against the Seattle Mariners Tuesday, April 15, 2014, in Arlington, Texas.

Reds 7, Pirates 5

In Cincinnati, Mike Leake doubled and hit a two-run homer to end Gerrit Cole's winning streak and lead the Cincinnati Reds to victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates that completed two days full of homers and delays.

First, the National League Central rivals completed a game that was suspended in the sixth inning because of rain the previous night. Andrew McCutchen doubled and came around on Russell Martin's single in the seventh inning, giving the Pirates an 8-7 win.

Leake (2-1) gave up three runs and five hits in 6 2-3 innings for a split. The right-hander has won his last four starts against the Pirates. Jonathan Broxton pitched out of a two-on threat in the ninth, converting his first save chance.

Leake, who has the most hits by a major league pitcher since 2010, doubled and scored in the third. He hit his third career homer in the sixth off Cole (2-1), who had won his last six starts.

Todd Frazier hit his second homer in two games and Joey Votto had four hits.

Neil Walker hit three of Pittsburgh's seven homers in the two games.

The teams wore their customary uniforms for the completion of the suspended game, then switched to commemorative No. 42 Jackie Robinson jerseys for the later game, which started 5 minutes later than originally scheduled.

The teams put on a record-setting show Monday night before the game was suspended after six innings tied 7-all. They combined for 10 homers in those six innings, the most for a game in Great American Ball Park's 12 seasons.

When play resumed, McCutchen doubled off Sam LeCure (0-1).

Bryan Morris (2-0) gave up Mesoraco's tying solo homer in the sixth inning Monday night, but was still the pitcher of record. Jason Grilli pitched the ninth for his fourth save in five chances.

Marlins 11, Nationals 2

In Miami, Giancarlo Stanton tied a career high with five RBIs, including a three-run homer off Stephen Strasburg as Miami broke an eight-game losing streak by beating Washington.

Strasburg (1-2) allowed six runs and eight hits in four innings. He fell to 2-3 at Marlins Park with an ERA of 8.61.

Tom Koehler (2-1) yielded one hit and five walks in seven scoreless innings to lower his ERA to 1.89. The performance was a welcome change for a team that had an ERA of 6.12 during the losing streak.

Both benches and bullpens cleared briefly in the fourth inning when the Nationals' Ian Desmond and Marlins catcher Jarrod Saltalamacchia engaged in a heated, nose-to-nose conversation at home plate.

Desmond became annoyed when he barely avoided being hit by an inside pitch from Koehler. The confrontation didn't escalate.

Cardinals 6, Brewers 1

In Milwaukee, Shelby Miller struck out seven and allowed three hits over six innings, and Mark Ellis had two RBIs in his return from the disabled list to lead St. Louis over Milwaukee.

Matt Holliday and Jhonny Peralta homered in the ninth for the Cardinals, who handed the Brewers their second straight loss following a nine-game winning streak.

Miller (1-2) routinely fired fastballs clocked in the mid-90s (mph) and gave up only a homer to Aramis Ramirez in the fourth. The Brewers have one run and six hits in the first two games of the series.

Marco Estrada (1-1) allowed three runs in six innings.

Mets 9, Diamondbacks 0

In Phoenix, Kirk Nieuwenhuis had three hits and three RBIs in his season debut, and Jenrry Mejia pitched five effective innings in a combined three-hitter as New York routed the struggling Arizona Diamondbacks.

The Mets placed center fielder Juan Lagares on the 15-day disabled list with a pulled hamstring and called up Nieuwenhuis from the minors before the game. He slid into Lagares' spot nicely, hitting a two-run homer during a six-run fourth inning against Bronson Arroyo (1-1) and adding a diving catch in the fifth.

Mejia (2-0) was sharp before leaving with a torn blister. Eric Young Jr. had three hits and two RBIs, and the Mets finished with 12 hits to ensure a winning record on their nine-game road trip.

The Diamondbacks had another awful night on the mound, losing their seventh straight home game and eighth in nine at Chase Field. Arroyo allowed 10 runs and nine hits in 3 1-3 innings.

Giants 3, Dodgers 2, 12 innings

In San Francisco, Hector Sanchez singled home the winning run with two outs in the 12th inning as San Francisco beat Los Angeles after Brandon Belt's tying double in the ninth.

Hunter Pence had four hits for the Giants, who have won three of four.

Brandon Crawford singled off Brandon League (0-1) with one out in the 12th and advanced to second on a groundout by Brandon Hicks. His bouncer deflected off third baseman Juan Uribe to shortstop Hanley Ramirez, who threw to first for the out.

But the Dodgers were unable to get the lead runner on the play, and it cost them.

Crawford went to third on a wild pitch and Sanchez hit a sharp one-hopper that glanced off the glove of diving second baseman Justin Turner and into center field.

MLB marks 67th anniversary of Robinson debut

NEW YORK (AP)—Marking the 67th anniversary of the day Jackie Robinson broke baseball's color barrier, the Rev. Jesse Jackson praised Commissioner Bud Selig for the strides the sport has taken in minority opportunities over the past two decades.

Jackson traveled to baseball's 1992 winter meetings to criticize its lack of minorities in management, and he pushed for change.

Selig retired Robinson's No. 42 in 1997 on the 50th anniversary of the big league debut of the Brooklyn Dodgers first baseman. Selig established a Diverse Business Partners program the following year and in 1999 started requiring clubs to consider at least one minority for each manager and major executive opening. MLB also sponsors 35 Jackie Robinson Foundation Scholars.

Jackson said Jackie Robinson Day had become "a national holiday for all practical purposes."

"To honor Jackie in this way honors the best in America," Jackson told Selig on Tuesday at MLB's third Diversity Business Summit. "In many ways, had Jackie not succeeded you could not have Atlanta Falcons or the Braves or the Carolina Panthers. You could not have these southern teams if Jackie had failed."

Robinson's daughter, Sharon, presented Selig with a large plaque. Jackson spoke from the audience after Selig's speech and told him "you took to heart that challenge."

"I guess if you're commissioner long enough, things can turn around," Selig said later.

For the first time since Robinson's number was retired, no players in the major leagues were wearing No. 42. Players using the number were grandfathered at the time of Selig's announcement, and the last to use No. 42 was Yankees reliever Mariano Rivera, who retired at the end of last season.

"Today all of our players league-wide will wear No. 42 to celebrate the man who helped change the future course of our game and more importantly our country," Selig said.

A ceremony had been scheduled for Yankee Stadium to unveil a plaque commemorating Nelson Mandela's visit to the old Bronx ballpark in 1990. The Yankees' game against the Chicago Cubs was rained out, and the ceremony, which includes Zondwa Mandela, a grandson of the late South African president, was pushed back until Wednesday evening.

Clippers beat Nuggets 117-105 for record 57th win

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Blake Griffin scored 24 points while picking up his 16th technical, and the Los Angeles Clippers led all the way in beating the Denver Nuggets 117-105 on Tuesday night for their franchise-record 57th victory of the season.

Chris Paul had 21 points and 10 assists, and J.J. Redick added 18 points in the Clippers' finale at home, where they went 34-7 for another franchise mark. DeAndre Jordan had 13 points and 16 rebounds.

The win kept the Clippers in the hunt for the No. 2 seed in the Western Conference playoffs. They would need to win at Portland and Oklahoma City would need to lose to Detroit on Wednesday night for the Clippers to claim the second spot. Otherwise, they will remain the third seed.

Los Angeles will have to get by without Griffin on the road since his 16th tech triggered a league-mandated one-game suspension.

Kenneth Faried led the Nuggets with 21 points and Aaron Brooks added 19. Timofey Mozgov had 18 points and 11 rebounds as Denver's three-game winning streak ended.

Griffin was assessed the tech with 3:23 left in the second quarter. He swung his right arm around to try to get the ball from Mozgov and hit him in the head. Griffin pleaded his case with the referees to no avail. Unless the league rescinds the tech, he'll sit out.

AP

Los Angeles Clippers forward Blake Griffin, left, goes up for a dunk as Denver Nuggets forward Quincy Miller, right, defends and guard Aaron Brooks watches during the first half of an NBA basketball game, Tuesday, April 15, 2014, in Los Angeles.

The Clippers scored the game's first 13 points and never looked back. Paul hit two 3-pointers and Matt Barnes added another before the Nuggets called timeout to regroup. Redick scored 10 unanswered points by himself, including two 3-pointers that extended the Clippers' lead to 18 points. Griffin had three one-handed highlight dunks in the first.

Mozgov helped the Nuggets close within single-digits after trailing by 23 with a three-point play that left them down 88-80 to end the third.

Denver twice got within five in the fourth, when all of the Clippers' starters except Barnes and Jordan rested. But Los Angeles pulled away down the stretch for the easy win.

Knicks 109, Nets 98

In New York, Tim Hardaway Jr. scored 16 points and the New York Knicks, playing without the injured Carmelo Anthony, beat the Brooklyn Nets to win the season series between city rivals.

The Knicks prevented the Nets from clinching the No. 5 seed in the Eastern Conference playoffs and won their third straight in their too-little, too-late strong finish. Amare Stoudemire and J.R. Smith each added 14 points.

Anthony had an MRI exam Tuesday that revealed a torn labrum in his right shoulder. He won't play Wednesday against Toronto, the final game of the first season in his 11-year career that won't end with a playoff berth—and potentially his last as a member of the Knicks. He has said he will become a free agent in July.

Marcus Thornton scored 24 points for the Nets, who weren't sharp despite playing starters Paul Pierce, Kevin Garnett, Deron Williams and Joe Johnson. The other starter, Shaun Livingston, remained sidelined with a sprained right big toe.

The Nets still have a magic number of one for finishing fifth. But they could fall to No. 6 if they lose Wednesday in Cleveland and Washington beats Boston.

The Knicks would be in the playoffs themselves if they played against everyone else the way they did against the Nets while winning three romps.

All four games were on national TV, though none was really worth watching after halftime. The Knicks won a pair of routs, 113-83 at Barclays Center in December and 110-81 at Madison Square Garden two weeks ago. The Nets won by 23 in their lone victory.

The overhyped city series didn't live up to preseason expectations, much like the Knicks. Players from both sides had sparred in the press during the summer after the Nets made their big offseason moves, expecting to battle to be the best in New York and also the Atlantic Division.

Well, the division champion isn't from New York—or even the U.S. Toronto finished ahead of both teams.

The Knicks led 29-18 after one and the game got fun midway through the second quarter. Stoudemire had a powerful follow dunk over Mason Plumlee, screaming into the rookie's ear afterward. Plumlee responded in the best way possible, dunking on the Nets' next two possessions.

Plumlee finished with 16 points on 7-of-9 shooting and grabbed nine rebounds.

But Brooklyn never really got into the game, and the only real interest in the second half were some occasional dueling chants between the split crowd. A "Goodbye Melo!" chant from a section of Nets fans was soon followed by a loud "Let's go Knicks!"

Michigan losing Stauskas and Robinson to NBA

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP)—Nik Stauskas and Glenn Robinson III are skipping their last two seasons at Michigan to enter the NBA draft and chase a dream they've had since they were kids.

Stauskas, who is from Mississauga, Ontario, set his sights on joining in the world's best basketball league when he started playing the game in an organized way at the age of 7.

"From that point on, I pretty much committed myself to doing whatever it took to get to this point," he said. "I don't think many Canadian kids had that same dream. I think most of them were trying to go to the NHL, but I think the rise of Canadian basketball has been unbelievable. You see a lot of kids now making that jump from Canada and I'm glad to be a part of that group."

Robinson, meanwhile, might have looked at the league a little earlier because his father— nicknamed "Big Dog"—was the No. 1 overall pick in the 1994 NBA draft.

"My dad has been through this whole process, so that was definitely a big help," he said. "He stayed an extra year in college when he thought he wasn't ready."

Robinson, who is from St. John, Ind., said the NBA's undergraduate advisory committee informed him he would be a first-round pick if he entered the draft and he chose to make the leap Monday night.

Stauskas wouldn't say what he was told, but he obviously liked the feedback.

"I heard from the advisory board in the middle of last week, a couple days after that I really decided," he said. "The information I got from them was kind of what I wanted to hear."

Mitch McGary has not announced his future plans.

"Mitch is still gathering information," coach John Beilein said. "He has all the way until the 27th to make a decision, so he's looking at all the possibilities right now."

McGary was not made available for interviews after his teammates had a news conference. He turned down a chance to enter the draft last year as a likely first-round pick and ended up having back surgery last season, putting his standing as an NBA prospect in doubt.

The Wolverines lost Trey Burke and Tim Hardaway to the NBA last year as underclassmen, but retooled well enough to win the Big Ten title and advance to an NCAA tournament regional final.

Stauskas said he's confident Michigan is strong enough to keep winning next season.

"I think we're leaving this program in great hands," Stauskas said as he looked toward his former teammates, who gathered to show their support for him and Robinson at their news conference.

The 6-foot-6 shooting guard became one of the nation's most well-rounded offensive players, averaging 17.5 points and improving defensively and earning Big Ten player of the year honors last season.

The 6-6 Robinson came on strong toward the end of the season and finished with a 13.1 point average.

The pressure will now be on improving guard Caris LeVert to have another big season for Michigan next season. Derrick Walton and Zak Irvin—who both had their share of impressive moments as freshmen—will also have a chance to take on more leadership.

The Wolverines also will lose fifth-year senior Jordan Morgan, and Jon Horford is transferring.

Early departures have become the norm at Michigan now that the program has become a Big Ten power again. After going without a regular-season conference title since 1986, the Wolverines tied for first in 2012 and went on to reach the NCAA finals.

Thanks in part to Stauskas and Robinson, Michigan won a school-record 59 games over the last two seasons and lost just 17 times.

Injured Anthony will sit out Knicks' last 2 games

NEW YORK (AP)—Carmelo Anthony's will miss the final two games with a torn labrum in his right shoulder, ending his first playoff-less season and potentially his New York Knicks career.

Anthony had one of his finest individual seasons, averaging 27.4 points and a career-best 8.1 rebounds in 77 games. But it stunningly amounted to nothing, as the Knicks were eliminated from playoff contention on Saturday night.

"We've chatted a little bit and I feel for him more than anybody, because the kind of season that he had, he deserves to be in the playoffs and I feel bad about that. I do," Knicks coach Mike Woodson said Tuesday.

Anthony initially hurt the shoulder earlier this month but kept playing as the Knicks were trying to rally to grab the No. 8 seed.

But Woodson was leaning toward not playing him Tuesday at Brooklyn or Wednesday at home against Toronto, even before Anthony had an MRI exam Tuesday that revealed the tear.

"Obviously he knew it was bothering him when he hurt it a few weeks ago, but he hung in there with us and tried to make this last push to get in the playoffs," Woodson said.

The Knicks said Anthony would not require surgery at this point and would be evaluated in about a month.

After that, the Knicks can only hope that when he can play again, it's for them.

Anthony said before the season began that he planned to opt out of his contract and become a free agent in July. New president Phil Jackson said he had no doubt that Anthony could be the central piece of the Knicks' future, but Anthony will likely want to consider his options after missing the playoffs for the first time in his 11-year career.

He will turn 30 next month and knows it will be tough for the Knicks to get much better next season, since they already face salary cap woes and won't have a lottery pick, having traded it to Denver in the deal to acquire him in 2011.

Woodson said Amare Stoudemire would play against the Nets.

Lions' Stafford on the spot after coaching change

ALLEN PARK, Mich. (AP)—Matthew Stafford will be on the spot this year for the Detroit Lions, and the 26-year-old quarterback understands that.

"In the NFL, if your quarterback plays really well, your team generally plays pretty well," Stafford said Thursday. "We're no different than any team. So the better I play, the better we're going to play as a team."

Stafford has put up some big numbers in his five seasons with the Lions, but he's taken them to the playoffs only once. After a late-season fade last year—with Stafford's turnovers a primary culprit—Detroit changed coaches, and the team seems to be going out of its way to try to surround its quarterback with what he needs to succeed.

Jim Caldwell replaced Jim Schwartz as coach, giving Detroit an offensive-minded leader who has worked with Peyton Manning in the past. The Lions also hired Joe Lombardi as offensive coordinator. He worked with Drew Brees as an assistant in New Orleans.

Stafford downplayed the idea that he was the main reason for those hires, but he's looking forward to a chance to take a step forward.

"I think I can always improve," Stafford said. "I've had some really great moments, some bad moments for sure. The biggest thing I want to do is help this team win any way I can. I'm going to be learning a new system, and I want to be coached in that system as well as I can."

Stafford has thrown for more than 4,600 yards in each of the past three years, but he threw 19 interceptions last season, his most since he was a rookie. The Lions blew a chance at a playoff spot by losing six of their last seven games—and Stafford was intercepted 12 times over that span.

"He's dedicated. He wants to be good," Caldwell said. "He's a worker. I have no doubt that a guy that has that kind of attitude—and obviously, he has ability, both physically and mentally, he has the intellect to do it. I think he's going to be fine."

Caldwell is optimistic that Stafford can learn a new system fairly easily. He says there are enough similarities between different offenses that a player with as much experience as Stafford should be OK.

"Really, there's probably not going to be too many routes that he's not familiar with in terms of how they're applied," Caldwell said. "The only thing that changes is the verbiage."

Stafford will have a slightly different group to throw to this season. Nate Burleson was cut by the Lions and replaced by wide receiver Golden Tate.

But Detroit was able to keep tight end Brandon Pettigrew and running back Joique Bell, giving Stafford plenty of options alongside star receiver Calvin Johnson.

"Everybody on our team has a clean slate," Stafford said. "You have to go out and prove yourself to these coaches and get them to trust you."

FREE WORKSHOPS

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Two visiting pro triathletes conducted two free workshops last April 9 and 10. Mieko Carey, left photo, gave swimming critique and lessons at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool in Marpi and Renata Bucher, right, provided running tips and drills at American Memorial Park. Participants found great value from both workshops and expressed their appreciation to our legendary visitors.

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first blood, scoring in the 38th minute, while Lyka Sally also hit her target three minutes later. Matansa then jumped to a 3-0 lead in the 61st minute off Barbara Peteru's conversion, while Woo canned her second goal in the 67th minute.

In other results, Tan Holdings fell short in its bid to finish on top of the field despite a 2-1 win over Shirley's FC, while MP United got a free victory after a no-show from Paire FC.

Chloe Salvosa drilled the pair of goals for Tan Holdings, posting both of them in the second half. She got her first five minutes into the second frame and the other one seven minutes later. Katrina Costales notched the lone goal for Shirley's, lighting up the scoreboard in the 33rd minute to lift her team to a shaky 1-0 halftime lead.

Meanwhile, MP United also had a perfect season in the boys U15 after defeating Matansa FC, 2-0.

Michael Lee and Sunjoon Tenorio scored one goal apiece to give MP United its eighth win in as many games in the five-team field. Lee found the back of the net in the 66th minute, while Tenorio registered the second goal in the 78th minute.

In the other boys U15 game at the Hopwood pitch, Paire whipped Shirley's FC, 10-0.

Ivan Seo anchored Paire's demolition of Shirley's FC, as he tallied four goals. Anthony Fruit had a hat-trick, while Logan Mister and Jonah Pohl chipped in one apiece. Paire's made it to the board off an own goal in seventh minute.

With the lopsided victory, Paire finished second in the standings with its 4-2-2 card. Tan Holdings and Matansa are tied for third with similar 3-1-4 slates, while Shirley's failed to win a single match in eight games.

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field to go under par in the second round.

Kim's triumph in this week's competition is a morale-booster after she had her lowest finish (16th) of the season in late last month's Mustang Intercollegiate in Arizona. The reigning Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Rookie and Golfer of the Year started the season with back-to-back wins in RMAC in September and then had Top 10 finishes in her next four tournaments before struggling in Arizona.

Kim, in an earlier email to *Saipan Tribune*, credited her accurate driver and iron shots to her strong showings in the first six tournaments of the season and is working hard on her short game to keep her impressive performance in her second year with the ThunderWolves. The former CNMI junior golfer has the best record (588-30) among the 10 players on CSU's roster this season.

Meanwhile, Kim's second-round score also helped CSU rally for the team championship.

The ThunderWolves, who had four other players in the competition, were behind by three strokes against Western New Mexico after the first round, 311-314. In the second round, CSU whipped Western New Mexico, 307-320, giving the ThunderWolves a 10-stroke win, 621-631. Western New Mexico dropped to second, followed by Adams State University (637), Regis (643), Metro (644), Colorado-CO Springs (654), Chadron State College (715), and Ft. Lewis University (810). Colorado Christian University also joined the two-day event, but failed to compete in the second round after posting 322 in the first.

With Kim and company topping the Wolf Pack Invitation, momentum will be on their side when they participate in the RMAC Championships and gun for their second title in the last three seasons.

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er to lift the Falcons to a big 21-0 advantage. The Falcons' top of the order all reached home in the third inning and the defending champions booked the lopsided win two innings early, as Comets II failed to get into the board at the bottom fourth.

IT&E let the Hustlers score early with the latter tallying two runs at the bottom of the first, but these were no match to the former's 15 at the top of the inning. IT&E had a run rush in the opening frame, as it capitalized on defensive lapses of the Hustlers and its top of the order were at bat more than once in the first inning. Eight of IT&E's top of the order scored in their first at bat, seven of them were unearned, while the next seven runs were earned ones. Philip Kapileo and Devon Pangelinan had RBI doubles, Christopher Achas hit an RBI triple, and Spencer Dickinson and Denzel Pangelinan notched RBI singles.

The Hustlers countered with only two unearned runs at the bottom of the first and these were put into waste, as IT&E got five more in the second and three in the third, while the former went cold in the last three innings.

Meanwhile, the Ol'Aces followed the Falcons and IT&E's lead after crushing the Jets, 23-5.

The Ol'Aces got off to a good start, scoring seven runs in the first inning and had a strong finish, adding eight more to end the match after only four innings. The Ol'Aces recorded four runs apiece in the second and third inning to keep their safe distance against the Jets, who made no more than two runs in each of the four innings.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Toronto	48	33	.593	–
x-Brooklyn	44	37	.543	4
New York	36	45	.444	12
Boston	25	56	.309	23
Philadelphia	18	63	.222	30

Southeast Division

y-Miami	54	27	.667	–
x-Washington	43	38	.531	11
x-Charlotte	42	39	.519	12
x-Atlanta	37	44	.457	17
Orlando	23	58	.284	31

Central Division

z-Indiana	55	26	.679	–
x-Chicago	48	33	.593	7
Cleveland	32	49	.395	23
Detroit	29	52	.358	26
Milwaukee	15	66	.185	40

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

z-San Antonio	62	19	.765	–
x-Houston	54	27	.667	8
x-Dallas	49	32	.605	13
x-Memphis	49	32	.605	13
New Orleans	33	48	.407	29

Northwest Division

y-Oklahoma City	58	23	.716	–
x-Portland	53	28	.654	5
Minnesota	40	41	.494	18
Denver	36	45	.444	22
Utah	24	57	.296	34

Pacific Division

y-L.A. Clippers	57	24	.704	–
x-Golden State	50	31	.617	7
Phoenix	47	34	.580	10
Sacramento	28	53	.346	29
L.A. Lakers	26	55	.321	31

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division
z-clinched conference

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	8	6	.571	–
New York	7	6	.538	½
Tampa Bay	7	7	.500	1
Baltimore	6	7	.462	1½
Boston	5	9	.357	3

Central Division

Detroit	6	4	.600	–
Chicago	8	6	.571	–
Cleveland	6	7	.462	1½
Minnesota	6	7	.462	1½
Kansas City	5	7	.417	2

West Division

Oakland	10	4	.714	–
Seattle	7	6	.538	2½
Texas	7	7	.500	3
Los Angeles	6	8	.429	4
Houston	5	9	.357	5

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Atlanta	9	4	.692	–
Washington	8	6	.571	1½
New York	7	7	.500	2½
Philadelphia	6	7	.462	3
Miami	6	9	.400	4

Central Division

Milwaukee	10	4	.714	–
St. Louis	9	5	.643	1
Pittsburgh	7	7	.500	3
Cincinnati	5	9	.357	5
Chicago	4	8	.333	5

West Division

Los Angeles	9	5	.643	–
San Francisco	9	5	.643	–
Colorado	7	8	.467	2½
San Diego	6	8	.429	3
Arizona	4	13	.235	6½

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Run Leg of Tagaman Triathlon

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Manny Sitchon, left, beats Eric Cooke at the tape during the run leg of last Saturday's Tagaman Triathlon.

Antonina Babes celebrates as she nears completion of the 10K run leg of the Olympic course.

Kaitlin Mattos raises her arms as she is about to cut the tape.

Derek Chambers is en route to a fifth place finish in his age group.

Tagaman Triathlon founders, from left Bill Sakovich, Wolf Mojica, and J.M. Guerrero, pose for a group photo at the finish line.

Korea's Ju Seok Kim bang knuckles with spectators before crossing the finish line.

Akiko Millers cuts the tape ahead of Glorybel Tan.

Dan Dizon and Cesar Danao join hands in crossing the finish line.

Korea's Yu Hun Park leads Saipan's Steven Johnson.

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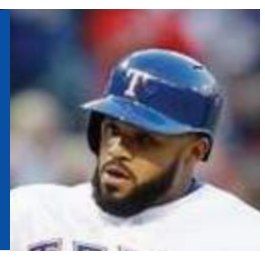

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Matansa tops girls U15 league

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Matansa FC's Maile Aldrich kicks the ball during their first meeting against Kanoa FC in the girls 15 division of the NMIFA youth league late last month at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.

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Matansa Football Club hammered Kanoa FC, 4-0, last Saturday at the Hopwood Junior High School Field to complete an undefeated record in the girls U15 division of the 2014 NMIFA Spring Youth Football League.

Matansa finished the season with a 6-4-0 win-draw-loss mark to place ahead of Tan Holdings FC (6-2-2), MP United (4-4-2), Shirley's FC (4-1-5), Paire FC (3-2-5), and Kanoa (0-1-9). The girls U15 league champion collected 22 points against the 20 of Tan Holdings, which led the division in goals scored (36). Matansa had the second most goals in the two-round robin competition with its 28 and allowed the least (2) among the six participating teams.

Three Matansa players made it to the board in the team's title-clinching victory over Kanoa. Sunny Woo drew

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Leina gets third win of season

CSU PHOTO
Leina Kim chips in from the sand trap during the second and final round of the Wolf Pack Invitational held at the Elmwood Golf Course in Pueblo, Colorado, early this week.

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Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association's Female Athlete of the Year Leina Kim ruled the Wolf Pack Invitational held at the Elmwood Golf Course in Pueblo, Colorado for her third victory of the season.

Kim, who was named NMASA's top female athlete this year, shot a 4-over par 76 in the opening round of the tournament last April 14 and a 1-under par 71 in the second and final round last April 15 for a two-day total of 3-over par 177 and a seven-stroke lead over runners-up Nathalie Gallacher (153) of Metro State and Nicole Huber (153) of Regis University.

It was a come-from-behind win for Kim, as she was down by one shot against Hubert, who carded a 3-over par 75 in the opener before firing a 78 in the final round to settle for second place. The Colorado State University-Pueblo sophomore was tied with Western New Mexico's Arrianna Estrada in second place with her 76 in the first round, but moved up to first place at the end of the nine-team tournament after becoming the only player in the 42-golfer

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IT&E, Falcons in tight race for pennant

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Defending champions Falcons and IT&E walloped separates foes last weekend to intensity their battle for the pennant in the Major division of the 2014 Saipan Little League Baseball.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
IT&E's Spencer Dickinson gets ready to swing during their game against the Hustlers in the Major division of the 2014 Saipan Little League Baseball last Sunday at the Miguel "Tan Ge" Basa Pangelinan Ballfield.

The Falcons pummeled Comets II, 25-0, last Sunday at the Miguel "Tan Ge" Basa Pangelinan Ballfield, while IT&E also coasted to a 23-2 victory over the Hustlers. IT&E improved to a 12-2 record for second place in the team standings behind the Falcons, who have a 12-1 slate.

Max Pangelinan nearly threw a no-hitter to help the Falcons shut out Comets II, which got its only hit at the bottom of the second inning off Red Teregeyo's single. With Pangelinan on the mound for the Falcons, Comets II made it to scoring position only once with K.J. Muna advancing to third on a passed ball, but was stranded after Pangelinan got back-to-back strikeouts.

The Falcons pitching ace struck out nine batters and walked only one. He was also perfect at bat, going 5-for-5 and making three RBIs and five runs. Pangelinan blasted a two-run single in the second inning where the Falcons got eight more runs for a 12-0 lead after two innings.

Angel Iguel picked up where Pangelinan left off in the third inning, drilling a three-run hom-

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